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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

EVIDENCE

Standing Committee
on

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a chairman



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
(Meeting No. 01)

TUESDAY, October 7, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Obhrai Deepak, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Monique Guay, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Diane St-Jacques.

Acting Members present: Andrew Telegdi for Sophia Leung and Louise Hardy for Gordon Earle.

Other Member present: Sophia Leung.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Jean Augustine, seconded by Grant McNally, it was agreed, - That Stan Dromisky do take the Chair, as Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Stan Dromisky was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, - That John Reynolds be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, - That Raymonde Folco be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, - That the Clerk provide Members of the Committee with briefing books, and also takes steps to arrange briefing sessions to the Committee by officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and from the Immigration and Refugee Board.

It was agreed, - That routine motions will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned, to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of routine motions

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Partnerships.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
(Meeting No. 2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m., this day, in Room, 269, West Block, Stan Drominsky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Deepak Obhrai, Stan Drominsky, Gordon Earle, Raymonde Folco, Monique Guay, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard and Diane St-Jacques.

In accordance with its mandate and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of routine motions.

On motion of Grant McNally, it was agreed, -- That the Committee retain the services of one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, the Chair be authorized to hold meetings and to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 5 members are present, including 2 members of the opposition.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, witnesses be given, at the discretion of the Chair, a certain number of minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, each Member be allocated 5 minutes for the first round of questioning and that, thereafter, the time remaining be allocated fairly to each subsequent questioner, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, -- That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation, and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of 2 representatives for any organization.

On motion of Monique Guay, it was agreed, -- That, one copy of the transcript of *in camera* meetings be made and kept in the committee clerk's office for consultation.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a representative of each of the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party, do compose the Sub-Committee

on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the resume of each appointee.

On motion of Sarmite Bulte, it was agreed, -- That, the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee, the appropriate measures to provide lunches for the Committee and its Sub-Committees, for working purposes, and that the cost of these lunches be charged to the budget of the Committee.

In accordance with its mandate, and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed the study of the mandate, management and operation of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Partnerships; Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management.

At 3:54 p.m., Gerry Campbell made an opening statement and gave a presentation to the Committee and, with Messrs. Georges Tsai and Bill Sheppit, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 23, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the mandate, management and operation of the Immigration and Refugee Board

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Jennifer Benimadhu, Director General, Management Services;

Evelyn Levine, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research Branch;

Philip Palmer, General Counsel;

Paul Thibault, Executive Director.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
(Meeting No. 3)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:24 p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Deepak Obhrai, Stan Dromisky, Gordon Earle, Raymonde Folco, Monique Guay, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Diane St-Jacques.

Acting Members present: John Finlay for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyfe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy; Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, - That, when ever the Committee meets *in camera*, one assistant per Member be allowed into the room to attend the meeting.

At 3:44 p.m., the Committee reverted to a public meeting.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Paul Thibault, Executive Director; Philip Palmer, General Counsel; Jennifer Benimadhu, Director General, Corporate Services; Evelyn Levine, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research Branch.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the mandate, management and operation of the Immigration and Refugee Board.

Paul Thibault made an opening statement. Philip Palmer and Evelyn Levine gave a presentation and, with Jennifer Benimadhu, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) and pursuant to its Order of Reference of October 23, 1997 from the House: --That, the Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, under Citizenship and Immigration, Votes 1(a) and 10(a) be referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration

APPEARING:

The Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, (Operations);

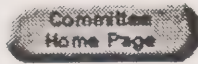
Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister;

Brian Grant, Acting Director General for Enforcement;

Jerry Robins, Director General, Finance;

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management;

George Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
(Meeting No. 4)

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met this day at 3:34 p.m. in Room 536, Wellington, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Deepak Obhrai, Stan Dromisky, Gordon Earle, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Diane St-Jacques.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on November 4, 1997, to consider the Committee's future business, and has agreed to recommend:

- 1. That, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be invited to appear at 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 18, 1997.
- 2. That, the Committee study the Estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and invite Senior officials to appear at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, November 20, 1997.
- 3. That, the Committee study the Estimates of the Immigration and Refugee Board, and invite Senior officials of the Board to appear at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 25, 1997.

The following issues were presented as areas of concern by Members of the Steering Committee:

Detention of refugees and immigrants;

Fees imposed to immigrants coming to Canada;

Family reunification program of Algerian refugees;

Results on a Pilot project being conducted on granting visas to people specialized in High Tech.;

Situation of refugees arriving in Canada without identification or travelling papers;

Refugees coming from a third country (for example from the Democratic Republic of Congo);

Improvement of the process of selecting refugees;

The situation of criminals being released into the streets in Canada for lack of a third country willing to take them in;

Pre-screening of people wanting to enter Canada;

The role of the Member of Parliament in the area of Immigration, and when they can intervene.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) and pursuant to its Order of Reference of October 23, 1997 from the House: -- That, the Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, under *Citizenship and Immigration, Votes 1a and 10a*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

Appearing: The Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Marc Lafrenière, Associate Deputy Minister; Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister – Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management; Gerry Robbins, Director General, Finance and Administration; Brian Grant, Director, Program Development.

The Chair called Vote 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with Janice Cochrane, Gerry Campbell, Brian Grant, Gerry Robbins and Bill Sheppit, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 27, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the operation of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and of a document entitled: "Performance Report"

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Graig Goodes, Director, Asylum, Refugee Branch;

Brian Grant, Director, Program Development;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Bill Sheppit, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
(Meeting No. 05)

Thursday, November 27, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met this day at 3:39 p.m., in Room 308, West Block, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Stan Dromisky, Gordon Earle, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Diane St-Jacques.

Acting Member present: Paddy Torsney for Sarmite Bulte.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Bill Sheppit, Acting Deputy Minister; Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Craig Goodes, Director, Asylum, Refugee Branch; Brian Grant, Director, Program Development, Enforcement Branch; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Gerry Robins, Director General, Finance Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study of the operation of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and of a document intitled: "*Performance Report*".

By unanimous consent, on motion of Réal Ménard, -- It was agreed, -- That during this session, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration invites the departmental officials in charge of the modern war crimes section.

On motion of Steve Mahoney, it was agreed, -- That, it be possible for each member of the Committee to pass on his/her 5 minutes of questions and comments to an another member of his/her party, if the member whose turn has come to speak, so wishes.

Georges Tsai made an opening statement and, with Bill Shepitt, Brian Grant, Greg Fyffe and Gerry Robins, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Réal Ménard tabled a copy of a letter dated June 14, 1996, by Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister.

It was agreed, -- That, the days and time of the Committee's meetings be changed to be the following ones:

Wednesdays: From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and

Thursdays: From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

That lunch be provided whenever the Committee meets on Thursdays from 12:00 noon;
and -- That, the respective whip and House Leader of each party be informed, in order, to
take the necessary measures for the changes to be implimented.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the operation of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and of a document entitled: "Performance Report"

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson;
Philip Palmer, General Counsel;
Paul Thibault, Executive Director.

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(Meeting No. 6)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met this day, at 9:08 a.m., in Room 308, West Block, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Deepak Obhrai, Stan Dromisky, Gordon Earle, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study of the Operation and Management of the Immigration and Refugee Board and its "*Performance Report*".

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson; Paul Thibault, Executive Director; Philip Palmer, General Counsel; Evelyn Levine, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research.

Nurjehan Mawani made an opening statement and, with Philip Palmer and Paul Thibault, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Réal Ménard gave notice of a motion to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, December 3, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the process of student's visas delivery

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Bill Sheppit, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
(Meeting No. 7)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met this day at 3:42 p.m., in Room 269, West Block, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Deepak Obhrai, Stan Dromisky, Gordon Earle, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada..

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study of the process of student's visas delivery.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Bill Sheppit, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch..

Georges Tsai, Bill Sheppit and Joan Atkinson made opening statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Réal Ménard moved: -- That, for the smooth working of the Committee's business, strict working rules should be adopted. Each party should have 10 minutes for the first round of questions and comments, and 5 minutes for the second round. The proposed order for political parties to intervene is the following: Reform; Bloc Québécois; Liberal; N.D.P. and P.C.

After debate, it was agreed, -- That, the motion be further considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, John Reynolds gave notice of a motion to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEORGES ETOKA
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, December 10, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the process of issuing working authorizations

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Dougall Aucoin, Director of Economic Policy;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

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(Meeting No. 8)

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 1997

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* this day at 3:43 p.m., in Room 705, La Promenade Building, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Deepak Obhrai, Stan Dromisky, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee considered its future business.

At 3:53 p.m., the Committee reverted to a public meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the process of issuing working authorizations.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Anne Arnott, Director, Operational Coordination, International Region and Bill Farrell, Deputy Director, Economic Policy and Programs, Selection Branch and Dougall Aucoin, Director, Economic Policy.

Greg Fyffe and Joan Atkinson made opening statements and, with Dougall Aucoin, answered questions.

At 4:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

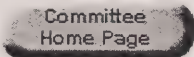
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) consideration of Chapter 25 of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Immigration and Refugee Board—Processing of Refugee Claims) particularly dealing with the removal of rejected refugee claims

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;

Serge Gaudet, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.

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(Meeting No. 9)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: *From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Serge Gaudet, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 25 of the December 1997 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Immigration and Refugee Board -- The Processing of Refugee Claims) particularly dealing with the removal of rejected refugee claims.

Richard Flageole made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, February 18, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the process of issuing working authorizations

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Neil Cochrane, Director, Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch;

Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch.



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(Meeting No. 10)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch; Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch; Neil Cochrane, Director, Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider Recommendation 155 of the Immigration Legislative Advisory Review Group Report entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention.

Greg Fyffe and Brian Grant made a few opening remarks and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, February 19, 1998.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Immigration Legislative Advisory Review Group Report entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration" (issues relating to removal and detention)

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Neil Cochrane, Director, Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Brian Grant, Acting Director General; Enforcement Branch;

Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal.

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(Meeting No. 11)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch; Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch; Neil Cochrane, Director, Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Immigration Legislative Advisory Review Group Report entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention.

The witnesses gave explanations on the Flow Charts they presented and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chairman presented the SECOND REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday February 5, 1998, to consider the future business of the Committee, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1.-- That the Report of the Auditor General, Chapter 25, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Immigration and Refugee Board -- the processing of Refugee claims, particularly that part which deals with removal of rejected refugee claims, be considered on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. with the officials of the Office of the Auditor General.

2.-- That, in response to a letter dated January 23, 1998 from the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, addressed to Mr. Dromisky, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, relating to Recommendation 155, detention and removal, the officials of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration be invited to appear on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. and on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.

3.-- That the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group, entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration" -- Recommendation 155: *Given the high level of public concern and the need to restore public confidence in detention and removal from Canada, these issues should be referred to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration for consideration*, be considered on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. with the members from the Legislative Review Advisory Group.

4.-- That the subject-matter of modern war criminals be considered on Thursday, February 26, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. with the officials of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

5.-- That, in relation to its study on detention and removals, as suggested in Recommendation 155 of the Immigration Legislative Review: Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration, the Committee be authorized to travel, after March 9, 1998, to Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

Raymonde Folco moved, - That the SECOND REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

On motion of Sohia Leung, it was agreed - That the SECOND REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be amended by deleting paragraph 5.

And the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was carried.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed, - That reasonable travelling accommodation and living expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy be paid to Robert Trempe, Chair of the Immigraion Legislative Advisory Review Group who will be appearing before the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration on Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

And questioning continuing.

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention.

WITNESSES:

Immigration Legislative Review Advisory Group::

Susan Davis, Member;

Roslyn Kunin, Member;

Robert Trempe, Chairman.

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(Meeting No. 12)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, and John Reynolds.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration Legislative Advisory Review Group: Robert Trempe, Chair; Roslyn Kunin, Member; Susan Davis, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, February 26, 1998.

SANTOSH SIRPAUL

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Roman Borowyk, Director, Information Management, Information Management and
Technologies Branch;

Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch.

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(Meeting No. 13)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:11 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch; Roman Borowyk, Director - Information Management, Information Management & Technologies Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:27 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 1998.

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request by four Members of the Committee to convene a meeting

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch;

Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch.

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(Meeting No. 14)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:33 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Peter Stoffer for Louise Hardy, Gurbax Malhi for Maria Minna and Gurmant Grewal for Deepak Obhrai.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch; Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee proceeded to consider a request by four (4) Members of the Committee to convene a meeting.

It was agreed, - That Anna Terrana be invited to appear before the Committee pursuant to her appointment to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

The Chairman presented the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

By unanimous consent, the Committee agreed, - That the Third Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:55 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, March 12 1998.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, March 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of modern war criminals.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch;

John Sims, Assistant Deputy Attorney-General, Department of Justice;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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(Meeting No. 15)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch; John Sims, Assistant Deputy Attorney-General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider modern war criminals.

George Tsai and Bill Sheppit made opening statements and with John Sims, answered questions.

At 12:25 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particular issues relating to removal and detention.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Ladane Affi, Member of the Executive;

Janet Dench, Executive Director.

Committee on the First Baptist Church:

Dorma Grant, Member.

Inter-Church Committee for Refugees:

Tom Clark, Co-ordinator;

Gloria Nafziger, Chair.

"Table de concertation de Montréal pour les réfugiés":

Rivka Augenfeld, President;

Reverend Glynis Williams.

Toronto Refugee Affairs Council:

Fred Franklin, Member;

Joan Simalchik, Researcher.

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(Meeting No. 16)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, John N. McKay, Steve Mahoney, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Bryon Wilfert for Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: (Roundtable format) From the Canadian Council for Refugees: Janet Dench, Executive Director; Ladan Affi, Member of the Executive. From "Table de concertation de Montréal au service des réfugiés": Rivka Augenfeld, President.; Reverend Glynis Williams, Member. From the Toronto Refugee Affairs Council: Fred Franklin, Member; Joan Simalchik. From the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees: Tom Clark, Coordinator; Gloria Nafziger, Chair. From the Refugee Committee of the First Baptist Church: Dorma Grant, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

B'nai Brith Canada:

Rubin Friedman, Director, Government Relations.

David Matas, Senior Honorary Counsel.

Canada Employment and Immigration Union:

Janina Lebon, National Vice-President;

Alan Lennon, Senior Union Representative;

Jeannette Meunier-McKay, National Executive Vice-President.

Shipping Federation of Canada:

David Garon, Manager, Marine Administration.

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(Meeting No. 17)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, Maria Minna, and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From B'nai Brith Canada: Rubin Friedman, Director of Government Relations; David Matas, Senior Honorary Counsel. As an individual: David Matas, Refugee lawyer. From The Shipping Federation of Canada: David Garon, Manager, Marine Administration. From the Canada Employment and Immigration Union: Janina Lebon, National Vice-President; Alan Lennon, Senior Union Representative; Jeannette Meunier-McKay, National Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Badiako Buahene, Secretary, Refugee Committee, Immigration Section, British Columbia Branch;

Brenda Muliner, Coordinator, Immigration Duty Counsel, Immigration Section, British Columbia Branch.

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Anna Terrana, Member, Convention Determination Division.

Inter-Clinic Immigration Working Group:

Alex Neve, Member;

Arif Virani, Member.

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(Meeting No. 18)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Grant McNally, Maria Minna and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Steve Mahoney and Val Meredith for John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Anna Terrana, Convention Determination Division (Vancouver). From the Inter-clinic Immigration Working Group: Alex Neve, Member; Arif Virani, Member. From the Canadian Bar Association, British Columbia Branch, Immigration Section,: Badiako Buahene, Secretary, Refugee Committee; Brenda Muliner, Coordinator, Immigration Duty Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110(1) and 111, the Committee proceeded to an examination of the Order in Council Appointment P.C. 1998-36.

Anna Terrana answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

Amnesty International:

Michael Bossin, Member of the Executive;

Lynn Horton, Refugee Coordinator.

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Marie Chaput, Director General, Adjudication;

Michel Meunier, Director, Adjudication, Montreal Region;

Philip Palmer, Legal Counsel, Adjudication Branch;

Paul Thibault, Executive Director, Adjudication Branch.

Vancouver Refugee Council:

Phil Rankin, Past Chair; Member of the Executive.

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(Meeting No. 19)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Grant McNally, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Adjudication Branch, Immigration and Refugee Board: Paul Thibault, Executive Director; Marie Chaput, Director-General, Adjudication; Michel Meunier, Director, Adjudication, Montreal Region; Philip Palmer, Legal Counsel. (Roundtable format) From Amnesty International: Lynn Horton, Refugee Coordinator; Michael Bossin, Member of the Executive. From the Vancouver Refugee Council: Phil Rankin, Past Chair and Member of the Executive.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

Paul Thibault made an opening statement and with the other witnesses from the Adjudication Branch, answered questions.

Phil Rankin, Lynn Horton and Michael Bossin made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Gordon Maynard, Member of the Executive, National Citizenship and Immigration Section.

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Immigration Lawyer.

Toronto Refugee Lawyers Association:

Michael Crane, Representative.

As Individual:

François Crépeau, Professor of Law, University of Quebec at Montreal;

France Houle Immigration Lawyer.

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(Meeting No.20)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:54 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

Acting Members present:

Other Members present:

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: (Roundtable format) As individuals: François Crépeau, Professor of Law; France Houle, Immigration Lawyer. From the Toronto Refugee Lawyers Association: Michael Crane, Lawyer. From the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic: Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Immigration Lawyer. From the Canadian Bar Association: Gordon Maynard, Member of the Executive, National Citizenship and Immigration Section.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 2, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

Canadian Ethnocultural Council:

James Kafieh, Chair, Economic and Labour Affairs;

Audrey Kobayashi, Committee Member.

Community Social Planning Council of Toronto:

Yasmin Khan.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Ian MacDonald, Sergeant, Program Manager, Immigration and Passport Program;

Glen Rockwell, Staff Sergeant, Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Immigration and Passport Section, E Division.

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(Meeting No.21)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Stan Dromisky, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Sgt. Ian MacDonald, Program Manager, Immigration and Passport Program; Glen Rockwell, Staff Sergeant, Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Immigration and Passport Section, Surrey, B.C. Detachment. (Roundtable format) From the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto: Yasmin Khan. From the Canadian Ethnocultural Council: James Kafieh, Chair, Economic and Labour Affairs; Dr. Audrey Kobayashi, Member of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:04 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Neil Cochrane, Director, Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch;
Normand Cyr, Regional Work Process Manager, Detentions and Removals;
Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;
Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch.

Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council:

Marty Dolin, Executive Director.

Romero House:

Mary Jo Leddy, Director.

As Individuals:

Sami Durgun;
Suleyman Goven.

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(Meeting No. 22)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:38 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Neil Cochrane, Director - Case Presentation, Enforcement Branch; Susan Leith, Director, Investigation and Removal, Enforcement Branch; Norm Cyr, Regional Manager, Detention. From Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council: Marty Dolin, Executive Director. From Romero House: Mary Jo Leddy, Director. As individuals: Sami Durgun and Suleyman Goven.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 6:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 23, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention

WITNESSES:

"Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration":

Jean-François Fiset, Vice-President;

Jean-Michel Montbriand, President.

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(Meeting No. 23)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:12 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the "Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration": Jean-Michel Montbriand, President. Jean-Michel Montbriand, Président. Jean-François Fiset, Vice-President. Jean-François Fiset, Vice-président.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., the Committee met in camera for consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed,-- That a budget in the amount of \$14,355.00 be applied for from the Budget Sub-Committee of the Liaison Committee for a one-day trip to a Toronto refugee detention centre.

It was agreed,--That the Committee seek an Order of Reference from the House permitting travel to Toronto for a one-day visit to a refugee detention centre, and that the requisite staff do accompany the Committee.

At 12:53 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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(Meeting No. 24)

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:08 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main estimates for the fiscal year 1998-99, votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Citizenship and Immigration

APPEARING:

The Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister;

Brian Grant, A/Director General, Enforcement Branch;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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(Meeting No. 25)

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:33 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch; Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Gerry Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister - Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;.

The Order of Reference of the House of Commons dated February 26, 1998, in relation to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, being read as follows:

That, Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION be referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

The Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15.

The Hon. Lucienne Robillard made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

MARIE CARRIÈRE

Committee Clerk

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Thursday, April 30, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ROBERT NORMAND

Committee Clerk

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Wednesday, May 6, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:37. o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and Jacques Saada.

Acting Member present: Brenda Chamberlain for Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:05. o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Wednesday, May 13, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

Acting Members present: Sue Barnes for Jean Augustine and Earle Gordon for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Thursday, May 14, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 11:17. o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, John N. McKay, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:33. o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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^{TUESDAY} May 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 10:14. o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:17. o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Wednesday, May 27, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:40. o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 362-E, Est Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:18 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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(Meeting No. 32)

Thursday, May 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 11:19. o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:19 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Tuesday, June 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:34 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

It was agreed, - That a budget in the amount of \$6,357.41 to allow the Chair of the Committee to visit Canadian and national immigration offices in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand and Thai refugee camps be adopted for submission to the Liaison Committee.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:24 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

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(Meeting No. 34)

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:36 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Louise Hardy, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna and John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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(Meeting No. 35)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in camera at 3:34 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Recommendation 155 of the Report of the Legislative Review Advisory Group entitled "Not just Numbers: A Canadian Framework for Future Immigration", particularly issues relating to removal and detention. (See Minutes of Proceeding of Wednesday, February 18, 1998, Meeting No. 10.)

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, -- That the Draft Report, as amended, be concurred in.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair make such editorial changes as may be necessary.

It was agreed, -- That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the government to table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee print 200 copies of the Report.

It was agreed, -- That the Report be printed in tumble format.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee authorize the printing of dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report, immediately following the signature of the Chair.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair be authorized to table the Report as the First Report to the House.

At 4:20 o'clock p.m., it was agreed, - That the meeting continue in public session.

At 4:25 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

Committee Clerk

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Chairman: Stan Dromisky, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to consider a motion of Mr. Deepak Obhrai

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Thursday, June 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:08 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sarmite Bulte, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John N. McKay, Réal Ménard, Maria Minna, Deepak Obhrai, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

Acting Member present: Dick Harris for John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider a motion of Mr. Deepak Obhrai.

Deepak Obhrai moved, -That Pursuant to section 18 of the Constitution Act, section 4 of the Parliament of Canada Act and section 108(1)(a) of the Standing Orders, this committee send for the names and crimes committed of all 1497 criminally inadmissible people who received Minister of Citizenship and Immigration entry permits in the year 1997.

And debate arising thereon;

It was agreed, - That the motion be amended by deleting the word "names" and substituting the following therefor: "country of origin"

At 12:04 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 o'clock p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the main motion as amended.

Dick Harris moved, - That the words "country of origin" in the amendment, on the main motion, be deleted.

And further debate arising thereon;

Dick Harris moved, - That the Committee do now adjourn until 3:30 p.m.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:
YEAS: 3; NAYS 9.

Dick Harris moved, - That the question be now put on the amendment.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 4;
NAYS: 8.

Jacques Saada moved, - That the meeting be adjourned.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 8: NAYS: 4.

At 1:03 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ELLEN SAVAGE

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

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Séance no 37

Le jeudi 8 octobre 1998

Le Comité permanent de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration se réunit aujourd'hui à 11 h 41 dans la salle 536 de l'édifice Wellington, pour élire un président conformément à l'article 106(1) du Règlement.

Membres du Comité présents : Mark Assad, Leon Benoit, Paul DeVillers, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan et Andrew Telegdi.

Membres substitués présents : Sarkis Assadourian pour Jean Augustine; Claude Drouin pour Sophia Leung et Deepak Obhrai pour Jack Ramsay.

Aussi présente: De la Bibliothèque du Parlement: Margaret Young, attachée de recherche.

Conformément à l'article 106(1) du Règlement, le greffier du Comité préside à l'élection du président. Sur motion de John McKay, appuyée par Raymonde Folco, il est convenu, - Que Rey Pagtakhan prenne place au fauteuil.

Par conséquent, Rey Pagtakhan occupe le fauteuil.

Sur motion de Steve Mahoney, il est convenu, - Que Raymonde Folco soit élue vice-présidente du Comité.

Sur motion de Grant McNally, il est convenu, - Que Leon Benoit soit élu vice-président du Comité.

Réal Ménard propose les motions suivantes :

- Que le Comité permanent de l'immigration entende les O.N.G. canadiennes œuvrant au Chili, afin de s'assurer que les réfugiés chiliens de Montréal qui devront retourner au Chili ne fassent l'objet d'aucune violation des droits de la personne.

- Qu'une séance d'information soit organisée à l'intention des membres du Comité permanent de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration au sujet des pays où sévissent des conflits susceptibles d'accroître le nombre de réfugiés politiques.

Il est convenu - Que le Comité examine à sa prochaine séance les motions proposées par Réal Ménard.

À 11 h 50, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité

Richard Rumas

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Consider the future business of the Committee

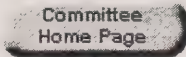
WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Brian Grant, Director, Program Development, Enforcement Branch;

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, October 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Assad, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan, Jack Ramsay and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch; Rodney Fields, Acting Director General, International Region; Brian Grant, Director, Program Development, Enforcement Branch.

The Chairman presented the FIFTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, to consider the future business of the Committee, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. - That the Committee approve the working budget for the Fiscal year 1998-99 in the amount of \$72,900.
2. - Notwithstanding the Resolution adopted on November 27, 1997, the Committee to meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
3. - Notwithstanding the Resolution adopted on October 21, 1997, the allocation of time for questioning in the FIRST ROUND for all witnesses be as follows: Reform 10 minutes, BQ 10 minutes, NDP 5 minutes, PC 5 minutes and the Liberals 10 minutes. In the SECOND ROUND and subsequent rounds, when a Minister and Officials are present, Liberals 5 minutes, Reform 5 minutes, BQ 5 minutes, NDP 5 minutes and PC 5 minutes. In so far as other witnesses are concerned, in the Second and Subsequent Rounds, Liberals 5 minutes, Reform 5 minutes, Liberals 5 minutes, BQ 5 minutes, Liberals 5 minutes, NDP 5 minutes, Liberals 5 minutes and PC 5 minutes.
4. - That the composition of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be maintained at 6 members, not including the Parliamentary Secretary (Resolution adopted on October 21, 1997).
5. - That the Committee consider the following items for its future business:
 - (a) Briefing on the Overview of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration by the Officials of the Department;
 - (b) Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 1998; (Document to be tabled October 29,

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(c) Immigration, criminality and Security Issues;

(d) Visitors Visas;

(e) - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration hear from Canadian NGO's involved in Chile, to ensure that Chilean refugees in Montreal who must return to Chile will not undergo any violation of their human rights;

(f) - That an information meeting be held for members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration regarding countries where there are conflicts which may well cause an increase in the numbers of political refugees.

6. - That the Committee meet on Wednesday, October 28, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. for a briefing session on the Overview of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and on Thursday, October 29, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Performance Report for the period covering March 31, 1998.

Réal Ménard moved, - That the Report be amended by deleting Recommendation 3 and substituting the following therefor:

3. That the allocation of time for the questioning in the FIRST ROUND for officials and other witnesses be as follows: Reform 10 minutes, B.Q. 10 minutes, Liberals 10 minutes, NDP 5 minutes, P.C. 5 minutes and Liberals 5 minutes, and in the SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS, 5 minutes to each of the Parties in the same order.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

It was agreed, - That a paragraph be added to Recommendation 3 for the allocation of time for the questioning of a Minister in the FIRST ROUND: Reform 10 minutes, B.Q. 10 minutes, N.D.P. 5 minutes, P.C. 5 minutes and Liberals 10 minutes, and in the SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS Liberals 5 minutes, Reform 5 minutes, B.Q. 5 minutes, N.D.P. 5 minutes and P.C. 5 minutes.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed, - That the Report be amended by deleting Recommendation 4 and substituting the following therefor:

4. That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of eight (8) Members; the Chair, two Vice-Chairs, 2 representatives from the Liberal Party and one from each of the following Parties: B.Q., N.D.P. and P.C.

And debate arising thereon.

It was agreed, - That the Committee proceed immediately to a Briefing Session on the Overview of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration pursuant to Standing Order 108(2).

George Tsai and Bill Sheppit made an audio visual presentation and, with Brian Grant, answered questions.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 29, 1998.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, October 29, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the briefing session on the Overview of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rodney Fields, Acting Director General, International Region;

Brian Grant, Director, Program Development, Enforcement Branch;

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch.

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Thursday, October 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Lynn Myers for Paul DeVillers and John Finlay for Sophia Leung.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch; Rodney Fields, Acting Director General, International Region; Brian Grant, Director, Program Development, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the briefing session on the Overview of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 1998.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey Pagtakhan, Lib.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

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Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Assad, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Denis Coderre for Jean Augustine and Gurmant Grewal for Grant McNally.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed from October 28, 1998, consideration of the FIFTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

Réal Ménard moved, - That the Report be amended by deleting Recommendation 5 (c) and substituting the following therefor:

(c) To study the impact of criminality on the immigration process.

The Committee should study the fact that, every year, thousands of people use criminal organizations to obtain entry into another country.

There are three aspects of the relationship between organized crime and the clandestine entry of immigrants that could be analysed by the Committee:

- 1) the entry itself;
- (2) entry plus human exploitation; and
- (3) clandestine entry for the purpose of facilitating other criminal activity, such as fraud, credit cards, drug trafficking and car theft.

Gurmant Grewal moved, - That the amendment be amended by deleting the words "another country" in the second paragraph and substituting the following therefor: "Canada" and in the third paragraph in (3) deleting the word "and" after the word "drug trafficking" and substituting the following therefor: "comma", and adding after the word "theft" the following thereto: "and terrorism, etc.".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment to the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

After further debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Leon Benoit, Réal Ménard, Gurmant Grewal - (3).

NAYS: Mark Assad, Denis Coderre, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Andrew Telegdi - (5).

Steve Mahoney moved. - That the Report be amended by deleting Recommendation 5 (c) and substituting the following therefor:

(c) Business Visas, Economic Immigrants, Investor Immigrants and the U.S. Visas Issues.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to in the following division:
YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Paul DeVillers, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, Grant McNally, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Richard Marceau for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

The Committee resumed from October 28, 1998, consideration of the FIFTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Recommendation (e).

After debate, it was agreed, - That Recommendation (e) be deleted.

Raymonde Folco moved, - That the Report be amended by adding at the end of Recommendation 5 (f) after the words "number of political refugees" the following thereto:

"where there are violations of human rights" or "a possible violation of human rights".

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That the FIFTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Report be amended by adding the following thereto:

"That the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration appear before the Committee by the end of next week"

Grant McNally moved an amendment to the amendment, - That the words "by the end of next week" be deleted and the following substituting therefor: "prior to the Christmas break".

The question being put on the amendment to the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the amendment, as amended, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to on the following division:
YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Immigration and Refugee Board for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 1998

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Jennifer Benimadhu, Acting Executive Director;

Mary Chaput, Director General, Adjudication Division;

Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson;

Philip Palmer, General Counsel, Adjudication Branch.

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Norman Doyle, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Other Member present: Ivan Grose.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson; Jennifer Benimadhu, Acting Executive Director; Philip Palmer, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services; Mary Chaput, Director General, Adjudication Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Performance Report of the Immigration and Refugee Board for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 1998

Nurjehan Mawani made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to consider the subject of Visitor Visas

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement.

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Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Assad, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Norman Doyle, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the subject of Visitor Visas.

Elizabeth Tromp and Jeff LeBane made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 1998.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Meeting No. 44

Thursday, December 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to consider the subject of Visitor Visas

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Kent Francis, Foreign Service Officer;

Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement.

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Meeting No. 44

Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Ken Francis, Foreign Service Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the subject of Visitor Visas.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, December 9, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Department for the period ending March 31, 1998 and Immigration Targets for Economic Immigrants

APPEARING:

The Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, December 9, 1998

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Assad, Leon Benoit, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Appearing: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: The Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Performance Report of the Department for the period ending March 31, 1998 and Immigration Targets for Economic Immigrants.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, February 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of selected aspects of the Business Immigration Programs

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Don Myatt, Director, Business, Immigration, Selection Branch.

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, February 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Don Myatt, Director, Business Immigration, Selection Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider selected aspects of the Business Immigration Program.

Jeff LeBane made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of selected aspects of the Business Immigration Program

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Don Myatt, Director, Business, Immigration, Selection Branch.

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Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 4:20 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; John Mizobuchi, Acting Director, Operational Coordination, International Region; Don Myatt, Director, Business Immigration, Selection Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of selected aspects of the Business Immigration Program (See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 4, 1999, Meeting No. 46).

Joan Atkinson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, February 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information meeting on countries where there are conflicts which may well cause an increase in the number of political refugees and where there are violations or possible violations of Human Rights

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rick Herringer, Director, Resettlement, Refugees Branch;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees Branch.

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees Branch; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region; Rick Herringer, Director, Resettlement, Refugees Branch; Susan Burrows, Acting Director, Asylum, Refugees Branch; France Duquette, Senior Advisor, Asylum, Refugees Branch and Kent Francis, Executive Assistant to the Director General, International Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to convene an information meeting on countries where there are conflicts which may well cause an increase in the number of political refugees and where there are violations or possible violations of Human Rights.

On motion of Steve Mahoney it was agreed, - That in relation to its study of the Business Immigration Program, the Committee invite the following witnesses to appear before it: the Canadian Bar Association, the Organization of Professional Immigration Consultants, Don DeVortez, Professor of Economics at Simon Fraser University and Mendel Green of Green and Spiegel.

Gerry VanKessel made an opening statement and, with Jeff LeBane and Rick Herringer, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Janice Hilchie

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, February 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Resumed consideration of a study of selected aspects of the Business Immigration Program

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Cecil L. Rotenberg, Immigration Law Specialist, Law Society of Upper Canada;
Colin R. Singer, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section;
Ben Trister, Secretary, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section.

Law Society of Upper Canada:

Mendel M. Green, Chair, Immigration Law Specialty Committee.

Zaifman Associates:

Kenneth Zaifman, President.

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, February 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Lou Sekora for Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Law Society of Upper Canada: Mendel M. Green, Chair, Immigration Law Specialty Committee; Cecil Rotenberg, Immigration Law Specialist; *From the Canadian Bar Association:* Ben Trister, Secretary, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section; Colin R. Singer, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section; *From Zaifman Associates:* Kenneth Zaifman, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of a study of selected aspects of the Business Immigration Program (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 4, 1999, Meeting No. 46*)

Mendel Green, Cecil Rotenberg, Colin Singer, Ben Trister and Ken Zaifman each made an opening statement and answered questions.

Réal Ménard proposed to move the following motion:

That, - In view of the considerable expertise in the area of economic immigration possessed by immigration law specialists certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Canadian Bar Association, a roundtable be organized between senior officials responsible for the economic immigration programs and the witnesses who represented the Law Society of Upper Canada, Messrs Green, Trister, Rotenberg, Singer and Zaifman.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Janice Hilchie

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship

APPEARING:

Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

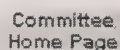
WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Normand Sabourin, Registrar of Canadian Citizenship;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:19 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Assad, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Gurmant Grewal for Jack Ramsay.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.
From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Norman Sabourin, Director, Citizenship (Registrar); Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

The Order of Reference dated March 1, 1999, was read as follows:

ORDERED, - That Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

The Chairman called Clause 2.

The Minister made a statement and, with Norman Sabourin, Martha Nixon and Georges Tsai, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Presentation of the sixth report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

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WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Stephen Green, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Section;

Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, Grant McNally, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Joseph Volpe for Mark Assad; Bryon Wilfert for Jean Augustine and Alex Shepherd for John McKay.

Other Member present: Tony Ianno.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.
From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Bar Association: Stephen W. Green, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Section; Tamra L. Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

The Chair presented the SIXTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

The Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration has the honour to presents its SIXTH REPORT.

Your Sub-Committee met on Wednesday March 4, 1999, to consider the future business of the Committee, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1.-- That pursuant to its Order of Reference of March 1, 1999 relating to Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, Nine (9) Members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, Four (4) from the Opposition Parties and Five (5) from the Liberal Party including the Chair, be authorized to hold public hearings in Six Cities, namely, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax from March 17 to 26, 1999 and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

2.-- That the Committee schedule meetings on Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, on the following days: Wednesday, March 10, 1999 - The Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Citizenship Federation; Thursday, March 11, 1999, - The Canadian Ethnocultural Council and the Mennonite Central Committee Canada.

3.-- That notwithstanding the resolution adopted on October 21, 1998, the Committee reimburse One (1) representative of an organization, if requested, reasonable travelling, accomodation and living expenses in accordance with guidelines provided by the Board of Internal Economy.

Pat Martin moved, - That the SIXTH REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

It was agreed, - That each Item of the Sub-Committee Report be considered separately.

On Item 1

Leon Benoit moved, - That Item 1 be amended by adding after the words "public hearings" the following:

"which would involve morning sessions, hearing from representatives from different interested groups set up by appointment, and afternoon and evening sessions that would be completely open to members of the public, where they could register before the meetings or during the meetings and have their say,

and deleting the dates March 17 to 26, 1999".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally: --2

NAYS:

Raymonde Folco

Sophy Leung

Steve Mahoney

Pat Martin

Alex Shepherd

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

It was agreed, - That Item 1 be referred back to the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure for reconsideration.

On Item 2

After debate, the question being put on Item, it was agreed to.

On Item 3

After debate, Leon Benoit moved, - That Item 3 be referred back to the Sub-Committee for reconsideration.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally: -- 2

NAYS:

Raymonde Folco

Sophy Leung

Steve Mahoney

Pat Martin

Alex Shepherd

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

And the question being put on the Item 3, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Nil

NAYS:

Raymonde Folco

Sophy Leung

Steve Mahoney

Pat Martin

Alex Shepherd

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be requested to appear before the committee at the earliest opportunity, on two separate occasions, and no later than March 25, 1999 to address Part 3 of the Estimates and the Performance Reviews of the Department for the fiscal year 1998-99.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it was irrelevant to the Order of the day.

And the ruling of the Chair having being appealed.

It was sustained on the following division:

YEAS: 6; NAYS: 0.

Pursuant to an Order or Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Tamra Thomson made some introductory remarks. Stephen Green made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, March 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Canadian Ethnocultural Council:

Salvador Cabugao, Executive Member;

Jonas Ma, Member, Equality & Justice Committee.

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

Henry Bergen, Documentation Worker;

William Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office.

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Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard and Rey Pagtakhan.

Acting Members present: John Bryden for Paul DeVillers and Benoît Serré for Andrew Telegdi.

Other Member present: Gurmant Grewal.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses : From the Mennonite Central Committee Canada: William Janzen, Director of the Ottawa Office; Henry Bergen, Documentation Worker; From the Canadian Ethnocultural Council: Jonas Ma, Member of Equality and Justice Committee; Salvador Cabugao, Member of the Executive.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, on Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

William Janzen from the Mennonite Central Committee Canada made a statement, with additional remarks by Henry Bergen, and answered questions.

Jonas Ma and Salvador Cabugao from the Canadian Ethnocultural Council made statements and answered questions.

Leon Benoit gave notice of a motion as follows:

- That the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be requested to re-appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity but no later than March 25th, 1999, to address the Performance Review of the Department for the fiscal year of 1998-1999.

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, March 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Larry McCormick for Mark Assad; Denis Coderre for Jean Augustine; Joe McGuire for Paul DeVillers; Paul Steckle for Sophia Leung; Murray Calder for John McKay; Gerry Ritz and Gerry Breitkreuz for Jack Ramsay.

Other Member present: Dick Proctor.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Notice of Motion of Leon Benoit of March 11, 1999.

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be requested to re-appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity, but not later than March 25th, 1999, to address the Performance Review of the Department for the fiscal year of 1998-1999.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the motion be amended by deleting the words "at the earliest opportunity but no later than March 25th, 1999" and substituting the following therefor:

"after completion of Clause by Clause study on Bill C-63".

After debate, with unanimous consent, Steve Mahoney withdrew his amendment.

Raymonde Folco moved, - That the motion be amended by deleting the words "at the earliest opportunity" but no later than March 25th 1999" and substituting the following therefor:

"at one special Committee meeting called by the Chair for that purpose".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee commenced consideration of a letter, dated Monday, March 9, 1999, which is as follows:

"Dear Ms. Sirpaul:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a meeting of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining concerns relating to the abuse of the refugee system as evidenced in the Greater Vancouver area by the growing number of refugee claimants charged with drug trafficking offences.

(Signed) Grant McNally, M.P., Leon Benoit, M.P., Jack Ramsay, M.P., Norman Doyle, M.P."

Grant McNally moved, - That pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a meeting of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining concerns relating to the abuse of the refugee system as evidenced in the Greater Vancouver area by the growing number of refugee claimants charged with drug trafficking offences.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Gerry Ritz: -- 3

NAYS:

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi

Réal Ménard: -- 6

The Committee proceeded to reconsider the SIXTH REPORT of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

1.-- That the Committee hold public hearings on Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, in Ottawa, and invite Canadians to appear under the normal process, to appear by Videoconferencing or to submit a brief.

2.-- That the schedule of meetings for next week be adopted.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 3:30 p.m.:

- Adoption Council of Canada;

- "La Fédération des parents adoptants du Québec";

- The Monarchist League of Canada.

Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.

- B'Nai Brith Canada;

- Organization of Professional Immigration Consultants Inc.;

- Canadian Citizenship Federation.

3.-- That the Chair be authorized in consultation with the Researcher and Clerk of the Committee to Group different organizations and individuals so that a number of witnesses could be heard.

4.-- That in addition to the regular hours of sittings on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Committee meet in the evenings on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with prior agreement, and on Fridays, only if absolutely essential and with prior agreement.

5.-- That the list of potential witnesses be adopted.

6.-- That the Committee advertise on CPAC informing Canadians that request to appear on Bill C-63, an Act respecting Canadian citizenship, should be made to the Clerk by March 31, 1999, or that they may submit a written submission by April 7, 1999.

Item 1

Steve Mahoney moved, - That Item 1 be amended by adding after the words "to submit a brief" the following:

"and the said hearings be concluded by April 23, 1999".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

NAYS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard

Gerry Ritz: -- 4

After debate, the question being put on Item 1, as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 5

NAYS:

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 2

Item 2

The question being put on Item 2, it was agreed to.

The question being put on Item 3, it was agreed to.

On motion of Steve Mahoney it was agreed, - That Item 4 be amended by deleting all the words after "in addition to the regular hours of sittings" and substituting the following therefor:

the Committee meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and

on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On motion of Steve Mahoney it was agreed, - That Item 4 be further amended by adding thereto:

"Meetings could be held on Fridays and Mondays, if absolutely essential, at the call of the Chair".

The question being put on Item 4, as amended, it was agreed to.

The question being put on Item 5, it was agreed to.

Item 6

It was agreed, - That Item 6 be amended by adding after the words "should be made to the Clerk by"

the following thereto: "Wednesday, March 31, 1999"

and further adding the following thereto after the words "they may submit a written submission by"

Wednesday, April 7, 1999.

The question being put on Item 6, as amended, it was agreed to.

On motion of Réal Ménard, the SIXTH REPORT of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Adoption Council of Canada:

Willa Marcus, Legal Counsel.

Canadian Citizenship Federation:

Eric Teed, Vice-President, Atlantic Region;

Diane Togneri, Past President.

Canadian Family Action Coalition:

Peter Stock, National Affairs Director.

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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Adoption Council of Canada: Willa Marcus, (Toronto) Legal Counsel; *From the Canadian Citizenship Federation:* Eric Teed, Vice-President - Atlantic Region, St. John, N.B.; Diana Togneri, Past President; *From the Canadian Family Action Coalition:* Peter Stock, National Affairs Director.

Pursuant to an Order or Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Diana Togneri and Eric Teed from the Canadian Citizenship Federation made statements and answered questions.

Peter Stock from the Canadian Family Action Coalition made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

B'nai Brith Canada:

Rubin Friedman, Director of Government Relations;

David Matas, Senior Honorary Counsel.

Monarchist League of Canada:

John Aimers, Chairman, Office of the Dominion.

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Sophia Leung, Pat Martin, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the B'nai Brith Canada: David Matas, Senior Honourary Counsel; Robin Friedman, Director of Government Relations. *From The Monarchist League of Canada:* John Aimers, Chairman, Office of the Dominion.

Pursuant to an Order or Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Robin Friedman and David Matas from B'nai Brith Canada made statements and answered questions.

John Aimers from the Monarchist League of Canada made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Gordon H. Maynard, Executive Member of the National Citizenship and Immigration Law
Section;

Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform;

Independent Immigration Aid Association:

Alan Hackett, Director;

Jack Volrich, Director.

Organization of Professional Immigration Consultants Inc.:

Katherine Manvell, Director.

Royal Pacific Real Estate Group:

Mason Loh, Q.C.

SUCCESS:

Lillian Tao, Executive Director;

Wilfrid Wan, Chair.

Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society and Taiwanese Entrepreneurs and Investors Association:

Pang L. Chang, Adviser;

James Chou, Chairperson.

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: John Bryden for Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: (IN VANCOUVER) *From the Independent Immigration Aid Association:* Alan Hackett, Director; Robert Davis, Director; Jack Volrich, Director; Quentin Walker, Director. *From S.U.C.C.E.S.S.:* Lillian Tao, Executive Director; Wilfred Wan, Chair. *From the Canadian Bar Association:* Gordon H. Maynard, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section and Chair of the British Columbia Branch Section. *From the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society:* James Chou, Chairperson and Advisor to Taiwanese Entrepreneurs & Investors Association (TEIA); Pang L. Chang, Advisor to TCCS. (IN OTTAWA) *From the Royal Pacific Real Estate Group Ltd.:* Mason Loh, Q.C. (IN VANCOUVER) *From the Organization of Professional Immigration Consultants Inc.:* Katherine Manvell, Director, Western Canada.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Alan Hackett and Jack Volrich from the Independent Immigration Aid Association made statements and answered questions.

Wilfred Wan from S.U.C.C.E.S.S. made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Gordon H. Maynard from the Canadian Bar Association made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

James Chou from the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society made a statement, and with the other witness, answered questions.

Mason Loh, on behalf of the Royal Pacific Real Estate Group Ltd., made a statement and answered

questions.

Katherine Manvell from the Organization of Professional Immigration Consultants Inc. (OPIC) made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, April 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

African Canadian Legal Clinic:

Michelle Williams, Policy and Research Lawyer.

Canada's Citizenship Judges:

Agnès Jaouich, Judge.

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians:

Ram Selvarajah, Vice-Chair;

Latha Sukumar, Secretary, Board of Directors.

"Fédération des parents adoptants du Québec":

François Auger, Member of the Executive.

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Barrister and Solicitor, Clinic Director.

Roundtable

Canadian Council of Churches:

Janet Somerville, General Secretary.

Inter-Church Committee for Refugees:

Tom Clark, Coordinator;

Arie Van Eek, Chair.

“Table de concertation des organismes de Montréal au service des réfugiés”:

Rivka Augenfeld, President;

Khadija Mounib.

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, April 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan, Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: John Bryden for Paul Devillers, John McKay and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Canada's Citizenship Judges: Agnès Jaouich, Senior Citizenship Judge. *From "La Fédération des parents adoptants du Québec":* François Auger, Member of the Executive.

(Roundtable): From the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees: Arie Van Eek, Chair; Tom Clark, Coordinator. *From The Canadian Council of Churches :* Janet Somerville, General Secretary. *From the "Table de concertation de Montréal au service des réfugiés":* Rivka Augenfeld, President; Khadija Mounib, Member of the Board and Coordinator of the Arab Study Centre for Development.

From the African Canadian Legal Clinic: Michelle Williams, Policy and Research Lawyer. *From the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians:* Latha Sukumar, Secretary, Board of Directors; Ram Selvarajah, Vice-Chair. *From the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:* Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Barrister & Solicitor, Clinic Director.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Agnès Jaouich representing the Canada's Citizenship Judges made a statement and answered questions.

By consent, on motion of Andrew Telegdi, seconded by Réal Ménard, it was agreed, - That the Committee approve the operational budget for the Fiscal year 1999-2000, in the amount of \$54,300.

François Auger from "La Fédération des parents adoptants du Québec" made a statement and answered questions.

Janet Somerville from The Canadian Council of Churches, Arie Van Eed and Tom Clark from the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees and Rivka Augenfeld from the "Table de concertation de Montréal au service des réfugiés" made statements.

Les témoins répondent aux questions.

À 12 h 24, la séance est suspendue.

À 18 h 10, la séance reprend.

Steve Mahoney occupe le fauteuil.

Michelle Williams de la " African Canadian Legal Clinic " fait une déclaration et répond aux questions.

Latha Sukumar du " Council of Agencies Serving South Asians " fait une déclaration et, avec l'autre témoin, répond aux questions.

Avvy Yao-Yao Go de la " Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic " fait une déclaration et répond aux questions.

À 20 h 10, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

La greffière du Comité

Santosh Sirpaul

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Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Sharryn Aiken, Past-President;

Francisco Rico-Martinez, President.

Center for Research-Action on Race Relations:

Walter Chiyantom, Lawyer and Chairman of the Board;

Fo Niemi, Executive Director.

National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations:

Emilio Benavince, Legal Counsel, Canadian Ethnocultural Council;

Salvador Cabugao, President.

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Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Raymonde Folco, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: John Bryden for Steve Mahoney.

Other Member present: Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Council for Refugees: Francisco Rico-Martinez, President; Sharryn Aiken, Past President. *From the National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations:* Salvador Cabugao, President; Emilio Benavince, Legal Counsel for Canadian Ethnocultural Council and the National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations. *From the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations:* Fo Niemi, Executive Director; Walter Chiyantom, Chair of the Board.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Sharryn Aiken from the Canadian Council for Refugees made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Emilio Benavince from the National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations made a statement and answered questions. Salvador Cabugao made a statement.

Walter Chiyantom and Fo Niemi from the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations made statements and answered questions.

At 6:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, April 22, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism and Human Rights Department;

Nancy Riche, Executive Vice-President.

Citizenship Council of Manitoba:

Tom Denton, Executive Director.

Coalition of Non-Governmental Organizations:

David H. Davis, Member; Chair, Manitoba Immigration Lawyers' Section;

Ben Trister, Member.

Kitchener—Waterloo Multicultural Centre:

Myrta Rivera, Executive Director.

“Société Saint Jean-Baptiste de Montréal”:

Guy Bouthillier, President;

Robin Philpot, Director, Communications.

Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women:

Sungee John, President and Coordinator, Third World Resource Centre.

Round Table

Campaign Life Coalition:

David MacDonald, Legal Counsel;

Karen Murawsky, Director of Public Affairs.

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:

Bruce Clemenger, Director, National Affairs;

Beth Hiemstra, Researcher.

Real Women of Canada:

Sophie Joannou, National Director;

Diane Watts, Researcher.

As Individuals:

Ian Benson;

Peter Jervis.

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:32 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Raymonde Folco, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Ian Murray for Mark Assad; John Bryden and Ian Murray for Steve Mahoney; Stephane Bergeron for Jocelyne Girard-Bujold; Eric Lowther for Jack Ramsay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the "Société St.Jean-Baptiste de Montréal": Guy Bouthillier, President; Robin Philpot, Director, Communications. *From Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women:* Sungee John, President and Coordinator for the Third World Resource Centre. *From the Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre:* Myrta Rivera, Executive Director. *As Individuals:* Ian Benson, Lawyer; Peter Jervis, Lawyer. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism & Human Rights Department; Nancy Riche, Executive Vice-President. *From the Citizenship Council of Manitoba:* Tom Denton, Executive Director. *As Individuals:* David H. Davis, Immigration Lawyer, Member of the Coalition; Benjamin J. Trister, Immigration Lawyer, Member of the Coalition.

(ROUNDTABLE) *From Real Women of Canada:* Diane Watts, Researcher; Sophie Joannou, National Director. *From The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:* Bruce Clemenger, Director, National Affairs; Beth Hiemstra, Researcher. *From Campaign Life Coalition:* Karen Murawsky, Director of Public Affairs; David MacDonald, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Robin Philpot and Guy Bouthillier from the "Société St. Jean-Baptiste" made statements and answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:46 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Sungee John from the Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women made a statement and answered questions.

Myrta Rivera from the Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre made a statement and answered questions.

Peter Jervis and Ian Benson made statements and answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Rey Pagtakhan took the Chair.

Nancy Riche from the Canadian Labour Congress made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Tom Denton from the Citizenship Council of Manitoba made a statement and answered questions.

David H. Davis and Benjamin Trister made statements and answered questions.

At 5:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Diane Watts from Real Women of Canada made a statement.

Bruce Clemenger and Beth Hiemstra from The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada made statements.

Karen Murawsky from the Campaign Life Coalition made a statement.

All the witnesses answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Norman Sabourin, Director and Registrar of Citizenship.

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Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Steve Mahoney, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Tom Wappel for Mark Assad and John Bryden for Paul DeVillers.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General; Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration; Madeleine Riou, Nationality Law Advisor, Integration.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Greg Fyffe made a statement.

At 3:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Greg Fyffe and Norman Sabourin answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 29, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration;

Norman Sabourin, Director and Registrar of Citizenship;

Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General.

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Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 29, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: David Pratt for Mark Assad; Julian Reed for Jean Augustine; John Bryden for Paul DeVilliers; John Finlay for Raymonde Folco; Serge Cardin for Réal Ménard and Rob Anders for Jack Ramsay.

Associate Member present: Serge Cardin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General; Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration; Madeleine Riou, Nationality Law Advisor, Integration.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Greg Fyffe, Norman Sabourin, Eric Stevens and Joan Atkinson answered questions.

Debra Pressé made an audio visual presentation and answered questions.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the Committee schedule meetings on Bill C-63 as follows:

Tuesday, May 4, 1999 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1999 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Bill is adopted and

- That the Chair report the Bill as adopted no later than Friday, May 7, 1999.

And the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on division.

Questioning continued.

At 6:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Paul DeVillers, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.
From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Committees' consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, do now adjourn "sine die".

After debate, Steve Mahoney moved, - That the motion be amended by adding thereto:

"to be reconvened with Three (3) days notice at the call of the Chair".

After debate, John McKay moved an amendment to the amendment by adding thereto:

"but in no event shall any meeting be held prior to Tuesday, May 11, 1999".

The question being put on the amendment to the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the amendment, as amended, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

At 4:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

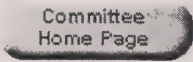
Dominique Collinge, Director, Selection Branch;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration;

Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar;

Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General.

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Meeting No. 63

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Réginald Bélair for Mark Assad; John Bryden for Paul DeVillers; John Cannis and Bernard Patry for Sophia Leung.

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.
From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General; Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration; Madeleine Riou, Nationality Law Advisor, Integration.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

At 3:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

After debate, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

Clause 3 carried on division.

On Clause 4

Leon Benoit moved, - That Clause 4 be amended by striking out line 33, on page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

"(a) the person is born in Canada of a father or mother who was a citizen or a permanent resident at the time of the birth; or"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:
YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

And the question being put on Clause 4, it was carried on the following division: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

Clause 5 carried on division.

On Clause 6

It was agreed, - That Clause 6 be allowed to stand.

Clause 7 carried on division.

On Clause 8

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 8 be amended by striking out lines 5 to 20, on page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"The Minister shall, on application, grant citizenship to a person who, after February 14, 1977, was adopted by a citizen while the person was a minor child and whose adoption.

(a) was in the best interests of the child;

(b) created a genuine relationship of parent and child;

(c) was in accordance with the laws of the place where the adoption took place and the laws of the country of residence of the adopting citizen; and

(d) was not intended to circumvent the requirements under any enactment for admission to Canada or citizenship."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

John Bryden

Raymonde Folco

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 5

NAYS:

Leon Benoit

John McKay

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 4

And the question being put on Clause 8, as amended, it was carried on the following division: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 9

After debate, the question being put on Clause 9, it was carried on the following division: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 2.

Clause 10 carried.

On Clause 11

It was agreed, - That Clause 11 be allowed to stand.

Clauses 12 and 13 were carried.

On Clause 14

It was agreed, - That Clause 14 be allowed to stand.

On Clause 15

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 15 be amended by striking out lines 22 and 23, on page 6, and substituting the following therefor:

"15.(1) The Minister shall, on application, allow a citizen to renounce their citizenship, if the citizen" and

(b) by striking out line 32, on page 6, with the following therefor:

"(d) resided outside of Canada."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed.

And the question being put on Clause 15, as amended, it was carried on division.

On Clause 16

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 16 be amended by striking out line 2, on page 7, and substituting the following therefor:

"(a) representation or fraud or knowingly concealing" and by

striking out line 13, on page 7, and substituting the following therefor:

"(b) by knowingly concealing material circumstances and,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 16 be amended by deleting lines 16 to 19 on page 7.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

And the question being put on Clause 16, as amended, it was carried on division.

On Clause 17

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 17 be amended by striking out line 36, on page 7 and substituting the following therefor:

"or by knowingly concealing material circumstances."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 17, as amended, it was carried on division.

On Clause 18

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 18 be amended by striking out lines 17 and 18, on page 8, and substituting the following therefor:

(4) On making an order under subsection (1), the Minister shall inform the person who is the subject of the order that the order has been made and advise them of their right to apply for judicial review under section 18.1 of the Federal Court Act.

(5) The Minister may not make an order under subsection (1) more than five years"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

And the question being put on Clause 18, as amended, it was carried on division.

On Clause 19

It was agreed, - That Clause 19 be allowed to stand.

Clause 20 carried on division.

On Clause 21

After debate, the question being put on Clause 21, it was carried on division.

On Clause 22

After debate, the question being put on Clause 22, it was carried on division.

On Clause 23

After debate, the question being put on Clause 23, it was carried on division.

Clause 24 carried on division.

At 7:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Clauses 25, 26 and 27 were severally carried on division.

On Clause 28

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 28 be amended by striking out line 16 on page 13 and substituting the following therefor:

"Sections 8 and 20, no person shall be granted citizen"

After debate, it was agreed, - That the amendment be allowed to stand.

It was agreed, - That Clause 28 be allowed to stand.

On Clause 29

The question being put on Clause 29, it was carried on division.

On Clause 30

The question being put on Clause 30, it was carried on division.

On Clause 31

After debate, the question being put on Clause 31, it was carried on the following division: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

Clauses 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 were severally carried on division.

On Clause 43

Leon Benoit moved, - That Bill C-63, in Clause 43, be amended by striking out line 38, on page 21, and substituting the following therefor:

"Parentage and evidence of residence in Canada for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(b), and the times when those ap-"

After debate, it was agreed, - That the amendment be allowed to stand.

Leon Benoit moved, - That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 40, on page 21, and substituting the following therefor:

"(b) subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons, specifying who may make an applica-"

And debate arose thereon;

During the course of the meeting, Norman Sabourin, Greg Fyffe, Eric Stevens and Joan Atkinson answered questions.

At 10:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, May 13, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar.

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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, May 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Mark Assad, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Denis Coderre for Jean Augustine; John Bryden for Paul DeVillers; Ian Murray for Raymonde Folco;

In attendance: From the Committees and Legislative Services: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.
From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Norman Sabourin, Director of Citizenship and Citizenship Registrar; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General; Debra Pressé, Acting Manager, Legislative Compliance, Integration; Madeleine Riou, Nationality Law Advisor, Integration; Senior Officials..

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated March 1, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Meeting No. 50)

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 43.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Leon Benoit, which is as follows:

- That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 40, on page 21, and substituting the following therefor:

"(b) subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons, specifying who may make an applica-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 3

NAYS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 7

Leon Benoit moved, - That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 18, on page 22, and substituting the following therefor:

"(e) subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons, providing for criteria to determine"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 3

NAYS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 7

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Clause 43 be amended by striking out in the

English version only line 25, on page 22 and substituting the following therefor:

"section 8 have been met."

Leon Benoit moved, - That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 31, on page 22, and substituting the following therefor:

"(i) subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons defining who is a spouse for the purposes"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 3

NAYS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 7

Leon Benoit moved, -That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 33, on page 22, and substituting the following therefor:

"(j) subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons, defining what constitutes a relationship"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard: -- 3

NAYS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Denis Coderre

Raymonde Folco

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

Andrew Telegdi: -- 7

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Leon Benoit's amendment, which was allowed to stand and reads as follows:

- That Clause 43 be amended by striking out line 38, on page 21, and substituting the following therefor:

"parentage and evidence of residence in Canada for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(b) and the times when those ap-"

By unanimous consent Leon Benoit withdrew his amendment.

Clause 43, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 44, as amended, carried.

Clause 45 carried on division.

Clause 46 carried.

Clause 47 carried on division.

Clause 48 carried on division.

Clause 49 carried on division.

Clause 50 carried on division.

Clause 51 carried on division.

Clause 52 carried on division.

Clause 53 carried on division.

Clause 54 carried on division.

Clause 55 carried on division.

At 10:39 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:20 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Clause 56 carried on division.

Clause 57 carried on division.

Clause 58 carried on division.

Clause 59 carried on division.

Clause 60 carried.

On New Clause 60.1

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That a New Clause 60.1 be added after the heading "Immigration Act" before line 3, on page 29 thereto:

60.1 The definition "Canadian citizen" in subsection 2(1) of the *Immigration Act* is replaced by the following:

"Canadian citizen" means a person who is a citizen within the meaning of the *Citizenship of Canada Act*;

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on New Clause 60.1, it was carried.

Clauses 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69 were severally carried.

On Clause 70

The question being put on Clause 70, it was carried on division.

On the Schedule

By unanimous consent, John Bryden moved, - That the Schedule be amended by deleting in the Oath of Citizenship the following words:

"and Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Réal Ménard: -- 3

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Leon Benoit

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Grant McNally

Ian Murray

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That the Schedule be amended by striking out the Oath of Citizenship on page 32, and substituting the following therefor:

"From this day forward, I pledge my loyalty and allegiance to Canada and Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada. I promise to respect our country's rights and freedoms, to uphold our democratic values, to faithfully observe our laws and fulfil my duties and obligations as a Canadian citizen."

After debate the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division.

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Leon Benoit

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Grant McNally

Ian Murray

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

NAYS:

Mark Assad

John Bryden

Réal Ménard: -- 3

And the question being put on the Schedule, as amended, it was carried on division.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the Committee continue until 2:00 p.m. today at which time all outstanding amendments and Clauses be put without debate and that the Chair report Bill C-63 to the House on Friday, May 14, 1999.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division.

YEAS:

Mark Assad

Jean Augustine

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard

Andrew Telegdi: -- 9

NAYS:

Leon Benoit: -- 1

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 2.

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That the English version of Clause 2 be amended by striking out lines 20 and 21, on page 2.

"(c) a person resides in Canada if the person"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 2 as amended, it was carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 6.

On motion of Sophia Leung, it was agreed, - That Clause 6 be amended by striking out line 7, on page 4, and substituting the following therefor:

"six years immediately before applying for"

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 6 be amended by striking out lines 8 and 9, on page 4, and substituting the following therefor:

"citizenship, resided in Canada for at least 1,095 days, calculated in the following manner, namely,

(i) the person is deemed to have resided in Canada one half of a day for every day that the person has resided in Canada, up to a maximum of 365 days of deemed residence, during the period

(A) beginning on the day on which that determination was made and ending on the day before the person became a permanent resident if the person has, under the *Immigration Act*, been determined by the Convention Refugee Determination Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board to be a Convention refugee, or

(B) that the person is a visitor or a permit holder, as the case may be, if the person is a visitor or has a permit within the meaning of the *Immigration Act*, and

(ii) for every day during which the person has resided in Canada after lawful admission to Canada for permanent residence, the person is deemed to have resided in Canada for one day;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was carried on division.

On motion of Sophia Leung, it was agreed, - That Clause 6 be amended by striking out lines 14 to 18, on page 4.

"citizenship"

And the question being put on Clause 6, as amended, it was carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 11.

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Clause 11 be amended by striking out line 41, on page 5, and substituting the following therefor:

"days during the six years immediately"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 11, as amended, it was carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 14.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Clause 14 be amended by striking out lines 14 to 17, on page 6, and substituting the following therefor:

"of a parent having, at the time of the person's birth, citizenship either as a result of the parent's birth outside Canada after February 14, 1977 or as a result of the registration under prior legislation, after that date, of the parent's birth outside Canada loses citizenship on"

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Clause 14 be amended by striking out line 20, on page 6, and substituting the following therefor:

"Canada for at least 1,095 days during the six"

And the question being put on Clause 14, as amended, it was carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 19.

The question being put on Clause 19, it was carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 28.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Clause 28 be amended by striking out line 16, on page 13, and substituting the following therefor:

"sections 8, 11 and 20, no person shall be granted citizen-"

And the question being put on Clause 28, as amended, it was carried.

Clause 1 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

Ordered: - That the Chair report Bill C-63, with amendments, to the House.

On motion of John Bryden, it was agreed, - That the Committee order a reprint of Bill C-63 for use at the Report Stage.

During the course of the meeting, Norman Sabourin and Greg Fyffe answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Main Estimates for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2000: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under
Citizenship and Immigration

Study of the Report on Plans and Priorities

Study of the Citizenship and Immigration Performance Report ended March 31, 1998

APPEARING:

Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch;

Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister;

Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Region;

Bill Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch;



Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Gerry Vankessel, Director General, Refugee Branch.

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Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Libby Davies for Pat Martin.

Associate Member present: Libby Davies.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister; Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Joan Atkinson, Director General, Selection Branch; Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees; Jeff LeBane, Director General, International Regions; William A. Sheppit, Director General, Case Management Branch; Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement Branch.

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Monday, March 1, 1999 in relation to the Main Estimates for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 being read as follows:

That Vote 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Citizenship and Immigration be referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

The Chair called Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Citizenship and Immigration and pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), proceeded to consider the Report on Plans and Priorities. The Committee also resumed consideration of the Citizenship and Immigration Performance Report ended March 31, 1998. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, December 9, 1998, Meeting No. 45)

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Thursday, May 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Don Gerlitz, Director, Standards, Analysis and Monitoring Policy, Planning and Research
Branch;

Denis Kingsley, Director, Finance and Administration, Corporate Services Branch;

Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson;

Philip Palmer, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.

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Meeting No. 66

Thursday, May 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Gurmant Grewal for Jack Ramsay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson; Nicole Senécal, Executive Director; Philip Palmer, Senior General Counsel, Director, Legal Services; Denis Kingsley, Director, Corporate Management; Don Gerlitz, Director, Standards, Analysis and Monitoring Policy, Planning and Research Branch.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference dated March 1, 1999 relating to the Main Estimates for the Fiscal year 1999-2000. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, May 26, 1999, Meeting No. 65)

The Chair called Vote 15 under Citizenship and Immigration and pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), proceeded to consider the Report on Plans and Priorities relating to Immigration and Refugee Board.

Nurjehan Mawani made an opening statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, June 2, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the subject matter of the Report of Plans and Priorities 1999-2000 relating to the Immigration and Refugee Board

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson;

Philip Palmer, Senior General Counsel and Director, Legal Services.

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Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, June 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Sophia Leung, Pat Martin, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard and Rey Pagtakhan.

Acting Members present: Art Hanger for Jack Ramsay; René Canuel for Jocelyne Girard-Bujold; Gerald Keddy for Charlie Powerl

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Nurjehan Mawani, Chairperson; Nicole Senécal, Executive Director; Philip Palmer, Senior General Counsel, Director, Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to consider the subject matter of the Report of Plans and Priorities 1999-2000 relating to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

Nurjehan Mawani made a statement.

Grant McNally moved, - That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee report to the House that it has considered the question of the right of landing fee and the fee for an application for permanent residence in relation to refugees, and recommends that the Government should immediately eliminate these fees for refugees as currently applied under the regulations of the Immigration Act.

And debate arising thereon.

The Chair, Rey Pagtakhan took the Chair.

And debate continuing.

Pat Martin moved, - That the question be put.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order in accordance with Citation 525, Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules & Forms, 6th Edition, page 161. "A motion for the previous question is not admitted in a Committee of the Whole or in any committee of the House. *Bourinot* p. 328".

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the subject matter of the Report on Plans and Priorities 1999-2000 relating to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

Nurjehan Mawani and Philip Palmer answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rey D. Pagtakhan, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 10 , 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the motion of Grant McNally

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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rey Pagtakhan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present:, Mark Assad, Jean Augustine, Raymonde Folco, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, Grant McNally, Réal Ménard, Rey Pagtakhan and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Mark Assad; Deepak Obhrai for Leon Benoit; Derek Lee for Paul DeVillers; Gordon Earle for Pat Martin; Scott Brison for Charlie Power; Diane Ablonczy for Jack Ramsay.

Associate Members present: Gordon Earle and Deepak Obhrai.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Committee Resumed consideration of the motion of Grant McNally, - That the Committee report to the House that it has considered the question of the right of landing fee and the fee for an application for permanent residence in relation to refugees, and recommends that the Government should immediately eliminate these fees for refugees as currently applied under the regulations of the Immigration Act.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Diane Ablonczy

Scott Brison

Gordon Earle

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard

Deepak Obhrai: -- 6

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Raymonde Folco

Ivan Grose

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Andrew Telegdi: -- 7

Réal Ménard moved, - That the Standing Committee on Immigration study the impact on those affected of all the fees required for landing, applications for permanent residence and so on. The Committee shall study the impact of these costs having regard to:

- (1) the ability of newcomers to integrate with the society of the host country;
- (2) related migratory movements; and
- (3) budgetary consequences for the government.

And the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Diane Ablonczy

Jean Augustine

Scott Brison

Gordon Earle

Raymonde Folco

Ivan Grose

Sophia Leung

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Grant McNally

Réal Ménard

Deepak Obhrai

Andrew Telegdi: -- 13

NAYS:

NIL

At 10:20 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Chairman: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair



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Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Paul Bonwick, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, David Price, Jack Ramsay and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Larry McCormick for Sophia Leung; Tony Valeri for John Bryden and Chuck Strahl for Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Steve Mahoney, seconded by Paul Bonwick, it was agreed, - That Joe Fontana do take the Chair of this Committee.

Accordingly Joe Fontana took the Chair.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That Leon Benoit be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Paul Bonwick, it was agreed, - That Steve Mahoney be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Leon Benoit, it was agreed, - That the Committee meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

It was agreed - That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of eight (8) Members; the Chair, two (2) Vice-Chairs, two (2) representatives from the Liberal Party and one from each of the following Parties: B.Q., N.D.P. and P.C.

Paul Bonwick moved, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to hear evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members, including both Government and opposition are present, with the provision that, in the case of the absence of either Government or opposition members, the Chair be authorized to call the meeting to order no sooner than 15 minutes after the time indicated on the notice as long as three (3) members of the Committee are present.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the motion be amended by striking out the words "including both Government and opposition".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division:
YEAS: 5; NAYS: 3.

It was agreed, - That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "members are present."

And the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

Leon Benoit moved, - That during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten (10) minutes for the first questioner for the Reform, followed by ten (10) minutes for the Liberal, then five (5) minutes for the B.Q., then five (5) minutes for the Reform, then five (5) minutes for the NPD, then five (5) minutes for the Liberal, then five (5) minutes for the P.C. and if there is subsequent round, that the rotation be the same and all questioning will be for five (5) minutes.

It was agreed, - That the motion be amended by deleting the period at the end of the paragraph and adding the following therefor:

"and that the witnesses be limited to ten (10) minutes for their presentation".

After debate, the question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Leon Benoit

Paul Bonwick

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Jack Ramsay

Chuck Strahl

Andrew Telegdi: -- 11

NAYS:

Bernard Bigras

Pat Martin

David Price: -- 3

Steve Mahoney moved, - That a notice of 48 hours be required before any substantive motion may be presented to the Committee.

John Bryden moved, - That the motion be amended by deleting "48 hours" and substituting the following therefor :

"24 hours".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, and the result of the vote having been announced: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 7.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

And the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

On motion of John McKay, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Steve Mahoney, it was agreed, - That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation, and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of two (2) representatives for any organization.

On motion of Jean Augustine, it was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the resume of each appointee.

On motion of David Price, it was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents received from the public only when they have been translated in both official languages.

On motion of Rick Limoges, it was agreed, - That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee the appropriate measures to provide lunches for the Committee and its Sub-committees, for working purposes, and that the cost of these lunches be charged to the budget of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That one (1) transcript of all *In Camera* meetings be produced and kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation.

It was agreed, - That no *In Camera* meetings shall occur without a vote by the Committee at an open meeting.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 3:30 p.m.

At 10:22 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

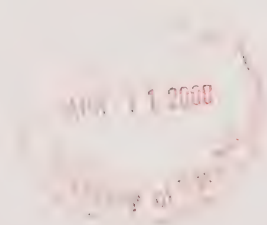
Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement Branch;

Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees.

Department of Justice:

David Dunbar, Counsel, Citizenship and Immigration.



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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Yves Rocheleau and Réal Ménard for Bernard Bigras.

Associate Member present : Réal Ménard.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement Branch; Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees; David Dunbar, Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

At 15:54 p.m., the Chairman, Joe Fontana, took the Chair.

Greg Fyffe and Martha Nixon made statements.

The witnesses answered questions.

The Chairman presented the FIRST REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

1. - That the Committee conduct a study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.
2. - That hearings commence on the above study with the officials of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration on Wednesday November 3, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. and officials of the Immigration Refugee Board on Thursday, November 4, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.
3. - That the Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, November 24, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. on the Performance Report of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the period ending March 31, 1999.
4. - That the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provide the Committee with a comparative study, in a Chart Form, on the Immigration and Refugee Systems of countries such as Australia, the

United States, Great Britain, France and Germany, in particular the Refugee Systems of these countries as soon as possible to assist the Committee in its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

On motion of Rick Limoges, the FIRST REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 4, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research;

Manon Brassard, Director General, Adjudication Division;

John Frecker, Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Division;

Philip Palmer, General Counsel.

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Thursday, November 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Serge Cardin for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Philip Palmer, General Counsel; John Frecker, Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Division; Manon Brassard, Director General, Adjudication Division; Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Philip Palmer, John Frecker and Manon Brassard made statements.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Dick Graham, Acting Director, Legislative Review Enforcement;

Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

Daniel Therrien, Counsel, Legal Services;

Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees, Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister,
Policy and Program Development;

George Varnai, Regional Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Programs, British
Columbia, Prairies, and Territories.

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Gerry Van Kessel, Director General, Refugees; Dick Graham, Acting Director, Legislative Review, Enforcement; Daniel Therrien, Counsel, Legal Services; George Varnai, Regional Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Programs, British-Columbia, Prairies and Territories.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Martha Nixon, Gerry Van Kessel, Daniel Therrien and Dick Graham summarized the documents which they tabled in Committee.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Future Business

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

APPEARING:

Honorable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister;

Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Costello, Executive Assistant to the Minister; Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Greg Fyffe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

The Chairman presented the SECOND REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday November 16, 1999, to plan the future business of the Committee, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1.-- That the Committee adopt the amended draft Terms of Reference prepared by the Researcher with respect to its study relating to all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

2.-- That for the above study, the Clerk of the Committee Schedule meetings with the following Organizations and Individuals in attendance:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR
- Solicitor General of Canada - Organized crime
- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Shipping Federation of Canada
- Air Transport Association of Canada
- Canadian Bar Association

- "Association Québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration"

As Individuals:

- Martin Collacott (Vancouver B.C.)
- Bill Bauer (Hensall, Ontario)
- Barbara Jackman, Refugee expert (lawyer in Toronto)
- David Matas - Refugee expert (lawyer in Toronto)

On motion of Steve Mahoney, the SECOND REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Performance Report of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the period ending March 31, 1999.

The Minister made a statement and, with Michel Dorais, Martha Nixon, and Greg Fyffe, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 25, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants

WITNESSES:

Department of the Solicitor General of Canada:

Jamie Deacon, Director, Anti-Organized Crime Division, Policing and Security Branch;
Paul Kennedy, Senior Assistant Deputy Solicitor General, Policing and Security Branch;
Ken Moreau, Executive Assistant to the Senior Assistant Deputy Solicitor General.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

René Charbonneau, Assistant Commissioner, Director, Federal Services;
Raymond Lang, Superintendent, Immigration and Federal Branch;
Bill MacDonald, Sergeant, Senior Reviewer Analyst, Immigration and Federal Branch,
Federal Services Directorate.

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice- Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Jim Gouk for Jack Ramsay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of the Solicitor General of Canada: Paul Kennedy, Senior Assistant Deputy Solicitor General, Policing and Security Branch; Jamie Deacon, Director, Anti-Organized Crime Division; Kenneth W. Moreau, Executive Assistant, Office of the Senior Assistant Deputy Solicitor General, Policing and Security Branch. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* René Charbonneau, Assistant Commissioner, Director, Federal Services; Raymond Lang, Superintendent, Officer in charge, Immigration and Federal Branch, Federal Services Directorate, Sergeant Bill MacDonald, Senior Reviewer Analyst, Immigration & Federal Branch, Federal Services Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Paul Kennedy from the Department of the Solicitor General of Canada made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

René Charbonneau from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

William Bauer;

Martin Collacott.

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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Gurmant Grewal for Leon Benoit.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Martin Collacott, Former Canadian Ambassador, Vancouver, B.C.; and William Bauer, Former Canadian Ambassador, Hensall, Ont.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See minutes of proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, meeting No.2)

William Bauer made a statement.

Martin Collacott made a statement.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 1999.

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 2, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

«Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration»:

Jean-François Fiset, President;

Pia Zambelli, Member of the Board.

Canadian Bar Association:

Betsy R. Kane, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section;

David Matas, Past Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section.

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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Paul Forseth for Leon Benoit

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Bar Association: David Matas, Past Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section; Betsy R. Kane, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section. *From the "Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration":* Me Jean-François Fiset, President; Me Pia Zambelli, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), The Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See minutes of proceeding of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, meeting No.2).

David Matas and Betsy R. Kane from the Canadian Bar Association made statements.

Jean-François Fiset and Pia Zambelli from the "Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration" made statements.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, 1999.

Santosh Sirpaul
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the refugee determination system and illegal migrants

WITNESSES:

Air Transport Association of Canada:

Warren Everson, Vice-President, Policy and Strategic Planning;

George Petsikas, Director, Government and Industry Affairs; Legal Counsel, Air Transat;

Bridget Siwik, Manager, Facilitation, Air Canada.

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Sharryn Aiken, Past President;

Janet Dench, Executive Director;

Mitchell Goldberg, Chair, Working Group on Refugee Protection.

Shipping Federation of Canada:

Gilles Bélanger, President and CEO;

Sonia Simard, Manager, Policy and Government Affairs.



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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Council for Refugees: Sharryn Aiken, Past President; Mitchell Goldberg, Chair, Working Group on Refugee Protection; Janet Dench, Executive Director. *From the Air Transport Association of Canada:* Warren Everson, Vice-President and Strategic Planning; George Petsikas, Director, Government and Industry Affairs and Legal Counsel, Air Transat; Bridget Siwik, Manager, Facilitation, Air Canada. *From The Shipping Federation of Canada:* Gilles Bélanger, President; Sonia Simard, Manager, Policy and Government Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Sharryn Aiken and Mitchell Goldberg from the Canadian Council for Refugees made statements and, with Janet Dench, answered questions.

At 4:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Questioning continued.

Warren Everson from the Air Transport Association made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Gilles Bélanger from The Shipping Federation of Canada made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 6:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 10, 2000.

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Meeting No. 10

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants

WITNESSES:

Inter-Church Committee for Refugees:

Tom Clark, Coordinator;

Tim Wichert, Representative of Mennonite Central Committee.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

Judith Kumin, Representative in Canada;

Greg Lyndon, Legal Officer.

As Individual:

Barbara Jackman.



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Thursday, February 10, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Judith Kumin, Representative in Canada; Patrick Tezier, Senior Protection Officer; Greg Lyndon, Legal Officer. *As an Individual:* Barbara Jackman, Immigration and Refugee Lawyer. *From the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees:* Tom Clark, Coordinator; Timothy Wichert, Representative of the Mennonite Central Committee, Ontario.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (see Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Judith Kumin from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement and, with Greg Lyndon, answered questions.

At 10:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Barbara Jackman made a statement and answered questions.

Timothy Wichert from the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees made a statement and, with Tom Clark, answered questions.

At 1:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2000.

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Thursday, February 17, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Review of the Order in Council appointment of Peter Showler as Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Immigration and Refugee Board for the period ending March 31, 1999

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Philip Palmer, General Counsel;

Nicole Senécal, Executive Director;

Peter Showler, Chairperson;

Donald Smiley, Standards and Monitoring Officer.



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Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Raymonde Folco for Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Peter Showler, Chair; Nicole Senécal, Executive Director; Philip Palmer, General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111(4), the Committee reviewed the Order in Council Appointment of Peter Showler as Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board - Sessional Paper No. 8540-362-14-03, (Deemed referred on November 29, 1999, pursuant to Standing Order 32 (6)); and

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the Performance Report of the Immigration and Refugee Board for the period ending March 31, 1999.

Peter Showler made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned until Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 3:30 p.m.

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The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

At 4:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2000.

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Thursday, February 24, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of November 3, 1999, meeting No. 2)

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

The Committee proceeded to consider its Discussion Paper (Options for a Report).

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2000.

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The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of November 3, 1999, meeting No. 2)

The Committee resumed consideration of its Discussion Paper (Options for a Report).

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

William Kennedy Bernadas;

Nawal Haj Khalil.



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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, March 1st, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Steve Mahoney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Mark Muisse for David Price.

Associate Member present: Diane St-Jacques.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Nawal Haj Khalil, Recognized Refugee in Canada and William Kennedy Bernadas, Recognized Refugee in Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Nawal Haj Khalil and William Kennedy Bernadas made statements and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday March 2, 2000.

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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, March 2, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants

WITNESS:

Canadian Security Intelligence Service:

Ward P. Elcock, Director.



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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, March 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Gary Lunn for Grant McNally.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Canadian Security Intelligence Service: Ward P. Elcock, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

Ward P. Elcock made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, - That the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be requested to appear before the Committee after March 30, 2000, when the Reports on Plans and Priorities are tabled in the House, but no later than May 31, 2000, to address the Estimates for the fiscal year of 2000-2001.

It was agreed, - That the Chair of the Immigration Refugee Board be requested to appear before the Committee after March 30, 2000, when the Reports on Plans and Priorities are tabled in the House, but not later than May 31, 2000, to address the Estimates for the fiscal year of 2000-2001.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

It was agreed, - That the Draft Report be considered in Public.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2000.

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Wednesday, March 15, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 4:25 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

At 5:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2000.

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, March 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2000.

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Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 20, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Tabling of First Report to the House

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Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 20, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Paul Bonwick, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young and Jay Sinha, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to consider a question of privilege relating to the release of the draft report to the House entitled: "Refugee Protection and Border Security: Striking a Balance" by the Honourable Member for Lakeland, Alberta, Mr. Leon Benoit.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the Committee report to the House of Commons, the unparliamentary action of the Member from Lakeland, Alberta, Mr. Leon Benoit, who held a Press Conference on March 16, 2000 and released the draft report entitled: "Refugee Protection and Border Security: Striking a Balance", before it had been finalized, adopted and tabled in the House.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, - That the Chair Table the Report as the FIRST REPORT to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Minutes of Proceedings of March 2, 2000 be amended by deleting

"That the Draft Report be considered in Public" and substituting the following therefor:

"That the Discussion Paper (Options for a Report) be considered in Public".

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 2)

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report to the House relating to its study on all aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrants.

It was agreed, - That the draft Report, as amended, be adopted as the Second Report of the

Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Title of the study be changed from "All aspects of Refugee Determination System and Illegal Migrant " to "All aspects of the Refugee Determination System and Migrants".

It was agreed, - That the Title of the Report be "Refugee Protection and Border Security: Striking a Balance".

It was agreed, - That the Committee append to its report supplementary or dissenting opinions from the Opposition Parties provided that they be no more than 5 pages in length (font = 12; line spacing = 1.5) and submitted to the Clerk in both official languages no later than 5 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, March 21, 2000.

It was agreed, - That the Committee print 550 copies of its SECOND REPORT in a tumble bilingual format.

It was agreed, - That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes to the report as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair table the Report as the SECOND REPORT to the House.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship

APPEARING:

Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister;

Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration;

Norman Sabourin, Registrar for Citizenship.



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Wednesday, March 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Appearing: The Hon. Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Joan Atkinson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Norman Sabourin, Registrar of Canadian Citizenship; Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration.

The Order of Reference dated Thursday, March 23, 2000, reads as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

On Clause 2

The Minister made a statement, and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 30, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship

WITNESSES:

*Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes and Crimes against
Humanity including those of the Holocaust:*

Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher and Chief Operating Officer.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress:

Adrian Boyko, First Vice-President and Chair, Canadian Issues Committee;

Eugene Czolij, President;

Peter K. Doody, Legal Counsel.



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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Ukrainian Canadian Congress: Eugene Czolij, President; Adrian Boyko, First Vice-President and Chair, Canadian Issues Committee; Peter K. Doody, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais. *From the Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust:* Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher and Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 23, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, Meeting No. 19*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Eugene Czolij from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Kenneth M. Narvey from the Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust made a statement and answered questions.

The Chairman presented the Fourth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which is as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, March 23, 2000, and has agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. - That the evidence taken by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration on Bill C-63, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, during the FIRST SESSION of the present Parliament be deemed adduced by the Committee in the Current Session in relation to Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship.

2. - That the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. with respect to Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship.

3. - That two days, Thursday, March 30, 2000 and Wednesday, April 5, 2000 be set aside to hear witnesses who had not appeared before the Committee on Bill C-63.
4. - That the Committee proceed to Clause by Clause consideration of Bill C-16, an Act respecting Canadian citizenship on Thursday, April 6, 2000.
5. - That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee undertake a study on Canadian Demographics and Future Immigration Levels on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 3:30 p.m., with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in attendance.
6. - That Professor David Foot of the Department of Economics, University of Toronto, be invited to appear on Thursday, April 13, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. with regard to the above mentioned study.
7. - That pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Main Estimates of the Immigration and Refugee Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities 2000-2001 be considered on Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at 3:30 p.m.
8. - That pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Main Estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities 2000-2001 be considered on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in appearance.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the FOURTH REPORT of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

Leon Benoit moved, - That Paragraph (3) be amended by deleting the period after Bill C-63 and adding the following thereto:

"and that the Committee set aside another day or two to accommodate the following witnesses:

- Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic;
- The Canadian Labour Congress; and
- The Organization of Professional Consultants".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: -- 2

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John MacKay

David Price: -- 7

After debate, the question being put on the FOURT REPORT, as amended it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John MacKay

David Price: -- 7

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: -- 2

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the evidence adduced at the *in camera* meetings held on February 23 and 24, 2000, relating to Discussion Paper (Options for a Report) on the subject matter of Refugee Determination System and Migrants be made Public and that accordingly the Minutes be amended.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Joan Bercovich, Senior Director, Legal and Government Affairs;

Gabriela Ramo, Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section;

Benjamin J. Trister, Treasurer, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section.

Canadian Immigration Policy Council:

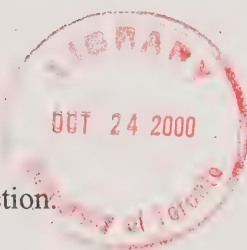
Howard D. Greenberg, Founding Member;

Carter Hoppe, Founding Member.

Greater Quebec Movement:

Deepak Awasti, Director and Executive Member;

Giuliano D'Andrea, President.



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Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Bar Association: Benjamin J. Trister, Treasurer, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section; Joan Bercovich, Senior Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs; Gabriela Ramo, Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section. *From The Greater Quebec Movement :* Giuliano D'Andrea, President; Deepak Awasti, Director and Executive Member. *From the Canadian Immigration Policy Council:* Howard D. Greenberg, Founding Member; Carter C. Hoppe, Founding Member.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 23, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, Meeting No. 19*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Benjamin J. Trister and Gabriela Ramo from the Canadian Bar Association made statements and answered questions.

Giuliano D'Andrea from The Greater Quebec Movement made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Howard D. Greenberg and Carter Hoppe from the Canadian Immigration Policy Council made statements and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned until Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 3:30 p.m.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration;

Theresa Harvey, Deputy Director, Social Policy and Programs, Selection Branch;

Norman Sabourin, Registrar of Citizenship;

Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.



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Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Lynn Myers for Paul Bonwick.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration; Norman Sabourin, Registrar for Citizenship; Theresa Harvey, Deputy Director, Social Policy and Programs, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Counsel, Legal Services; Max Wolpert, Counsel and Acting Deputy Director, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Department of Justice.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 23, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, Meeting No. 19*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

After debate, Clause 2, was allowed to stand.

On Clause 3

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Bill C-16, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 30 on page 2 with the following:

" la présente loi. "

And the question being put on Clause 3, as amended, it was carried.

On Clause 4

Andrew Telegdi moved, - That Bill C-16, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 2 with the following:

"if, after the coming into force of this section,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

And the question being put on Clause 4, as amended, it was carried.

Clause 5 carried on division.

On Clause 6

Pat Martin moved, - That Bill C-16, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 6 on page 4 with the following:

"be a permanent resident and has resided in Canada for at least"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

And the question being put on Clause 6, it was carried on division.

Clause 7 carried.

On Clause 8

After debate, the question being put on Clause 8, it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

John Bryden

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Pat Martin

Lynn Myers

John McKay

David Price

Andrew Telegdi: -- 9

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras: -- 3

Clauses 9 and 10 carried on division.

On Clause 11

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, - That Bill C-16, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 1 and 2 on page 6 with the following:

"(e) has always been stateless; and"

Clause 11, as amended, carried.

Clauses 12, 13, 14 and 15 carried.

On Clause 16

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 19 on page 7 with the following:

"by knowingly concealing material circumstances if the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on Clause 16, as amended, it was carried on division.

On Clause 17

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing line 38 on page 7 with the following:

"Court -- Trial Division or the Federal Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Canada in the event of an appeal finally determines, on a"

After debate, it was agreed that the amendment be allowed to stand.

And it was agreed, - That Clause 17 be allowed to stand.

Clause 18 carried on division.

Clauses 19 and 20 carried.

Clauses 21 and 22 carried on division.

On Clause 23

After debate, the question being put on Clause 23, it was carried on division.

Clause 24 carried on division.

Clauses 25 and 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried on division.

Clauses 28 to 30 inclusive carried on division.

On Clause 31

Leon Benoit moved, - That Bill C-16, in Clause 31, be amended by replacing lines 22 to 25 on page 15 with the following:

"Appointment

31.(1) Subject to subsection (1.1), the Governor in Council may appoint a person as a Citizenship Commissioner, following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act*, to hold office, during pleasure, for a term of not more than five years, and the person may be removed for cause by the Governor in Council.

Removal in the first year

(1.1) A Citizenship Commissioner may be removed by the Governor in Council without cause during the year after appointment."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras

David Price: -- 4

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Lynn Myers

John McKay

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

And the question being put on Clause 31, it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras

David Price: -- 4

During the course of the meeting, the witnesses answered questions.

At 6:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 13, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration;

Theresa Harvey, Deputy Director, Social Policy and Programs, Selection Branch;

Norman Sabourin, Registrar for Citizenship;

Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Department of Justice Canada:

Max Wolpert, Acting Deputy Director and Senior Counsel, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section.



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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 13, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Judi Longfield for Jean Augustine; Lynn Myers for Paul Bonwick and Ovid Jackson for John McKay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration; Norman Sabourin, Registrar for Citizenship; Theresa Harvey, Deputy Director, Social Policy and Programs, Selection Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Max Wolpert, Counsel and Acting Deputy Director, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Department of Justice.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 23, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, Meeting No. 19*).

On Clause 32

Clause 32 carried on division.

On Clause 33

Bernard Bigras moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 33, be amended by adding after line 21 on page 17 the following:

"(2.1) The Commissioner presiding over a citizenship ceremony shall, during the ceremony and in the presence of a representative of the Government of Quebec, give to every new citizen residing in Quebec a copy of the following documents and an explanation of their purpose:

- (i) the *Charter of the French Language* (R.S.Q., c. C-11);
- (ii) the *Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms* (R.S.Q., c. C-12);
- (iii) the *Election Act* (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3); and

(iv) the Declaration by the Government of Quebec on Ethnic and Race Relations, signed on December 10, 1986."

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment out of order in the grounds that it was beyond the scope of the Bill.

Clause 33, carried.

Clause 34 carried.

Clause 35 carried.

Clause 36 carried.

Clause 37 carried.

Clause 38 carried.

On Clause 39

Leon Benoit moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing lines 25 and 26 on page 19 with the following:

"not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term of not more than seven years, or to"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: -- 2

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Lynn Myers

David Price

Andrew Telegdi: -- 9

Leon Benoit moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing lines 29 and 30 on page 19 with the following:

"more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or to both."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: -- 2

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Lynn Myers

David Price

Andrew Telegdi: -- 9

Leon Benoit moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing lines 33 and 34 on page 19 with the following:

"\$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than seven years, or to both, if the person"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

And the question being put on Clause 39, it was carried on division.

On Clause 40

Leon Benoit moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 44 on page 20 and line 1 on page 21 with the following:

"not more than \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than ten years, or to"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

David Price: -- 3

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

Leon Benoit moved, -- That Bill C-16, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 21 with the following:

"more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or to both."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

David Price: -- 3

NAYS:

Jean Augustine

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 8

And the question being put on Clause 40, it was carried on division:

Clauses 41 and 42 carried on division.

On Clause 43

On motion of Steve Mahoney, it was agreed - That Bill C-16, in Clause 43, be amended by deleting lines 26 to 28 on page 22.

The question being put on Clause 43, as amended, it was carried on division.

Clause 44 carried on division.

Clauses 45 and 46 carried.

Clause 47 carried.

Clause 48 carried.

Clauses 49 to 54 inclusive carried.

On Clause 55

After debate, the question being put on Clause 55, it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden: -- 4

On Clause 56

After debate, the question being put on the Clause 56, it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden: -- 4

On Clause 57

After debate, the question being put on Clause 57, it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Jean Augustine

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Lynn Myers

Andrew Telegdi: -- 6

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden: -- 4

Clauses 58 and 59 carried.

Clauses 60 and 61 carried.

Clause 62 carried on division.

Clauses 63 to 66 inclusive carried on division.

Clauses 67 to 69 inclusive carried on division.

Clause 70 carried on division.

Clause 71 carried on division.

Clauses 72 and 73 carried.

On Clause 2

By consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 2.

After debate, the question being put on Clause 2, it was carried.

By consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 17.

By consent, the Committee reverted to the amendment of Pat Martin, which reads as follows:

That Bill C-16, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing line 38 on page 7 with the following:

"Court -- Trial Division or the Federal Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Canada in the event of an appeal finally determines, on a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Leon Benoit moved, - That Clause 17 be amended by replacing lines 6 to 8 on page 8 with the following:

"Division made under subsection 1 and a decision of any person, body or court performing similar functions under prior legislation may be appealed to the Federal Court of Appeal with the leave of the Federal Court of Appeal."

and by replacing the marginal note at line 5 on page 8 with the following:

"Appeal with leave".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: -- 2

NAYS:

Bernard Bigras

John Bryden

Sophia Leung

Judi Longfield

Rick Limoges

Steve Mahoney

John McKay

Lynn Myers

David Price: -- 9

The Schedule carried.

Clause 1 carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-16, An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, with amendments, to the House as the Third Report of the Committee.

On motion of John McKay, it was agreed on division, - That the Committee approve the operational budget for the Fiscal year 2000-2001 in the amount of \$114,300.

During the course of the meeting, the witnesses answered questions.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Referral of the Main Estimates Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Citizenship and Immigration for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2001

Study of the Report on Plans and Priorities relating to the Immigration and Refugee Board

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research;

Philip Palmer, General Counsel;

Peter Showler, Chairperson.



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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges, John McKay, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: John Williams for Rob Anders and Gerry Ritz for Grant McNally.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Peter Showler, Chairperson; Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research; Philip Palmer, General Counsel.

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Tuesday, February 29, 2000 in relation to the Main Estimates for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, being read as follows:

That Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15, under Citizenship and Immigration be referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

The Chair called Vote 15 under Citizenship and Immigration and pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), proceeded to consider the Report on Plans and Priorities relating to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

Peter Showler made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, May 4, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study relating to Immigration Behind the Numbers (Benefits to Canada, Social and Economic effects, etc.)

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Dougall Aucoin, Acting Director General, Selection.



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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, May 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:16 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Leon Benoit, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, David Price and Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Member present: Karen Kraft Sloan for Joe Fontana.

Other Member present: Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Dougall Aucoin, Acting Director General, Selection; Kathleen O'Connor, Director, Service Line Support, Selection; Jean Roberge, Director General, International Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study relating to Immigration Behind the Numbers (Benefits to Canada, Social and Economic effects, etc.).

Joan Atkinson made an audio visual presentation and, with Dougall Aucoin, answered questions.

At 10:15 a.m., Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

Questioning continued;

At 10:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2000-2001

APPEARING:

The Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister;

Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister;

Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.



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Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, John McKay and David Price.

Acting Members present: Jim Abbott for Rob Anders and Réal Ménard for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister; Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister; Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference relating to the Main Estimates 2000-2001. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, May 3, 2000).

The Chair called Votes 1, 5 and 10, under Citizenship and Immigration, and pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), proceeded to consider Part III of the Report on Plans and Priorities of the Department.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) – The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000

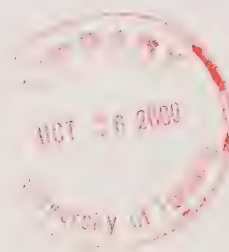
WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;

Serge Gaudet, Principal, Audit Operations.



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Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung and Steve Mahoney.

Acting Member present: Lou Sekora for Rick Limoges.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Serge Gaudet, Principal, Audit Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada - The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000.

L. Denis Desautels made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, June 1st, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada -- The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Neil Heywood, Director, Immigration Health Policy;

Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;

William A. Sheppit, Director General, Case Management;

Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.



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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, June 1st, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:19 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, John Bryden, Joe Fontana and Steve Mahoney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; William A. Sheppit, Director General, Case Management; Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Georges Tsai, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Neil Heywood, Director, Immigration Health Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada - The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000.

Martha Nixon made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:55 a.m., Steve Mahoney took the Chair.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada -- The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Jean Roberge, Director General, International Region;

William A. Sheppit, Director General, Case Management.

As Individual:

Peter M. Larlee.



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Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges and John McKay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individual: Peter M. Larlee, Immigration Lawyer, Vancouver, BC. *From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Jean Roberge, Director General, International Region; William A. Sheppit, Director General, Case Management.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3 (Citizenship and Immigration Canada - The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada, April 2000. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, May 31, 2000, Meeting No. 28)

Peter M. Larlee made a statement and answered questions.

Jean Roberge from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 8, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, June 8, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger

APPEARING:

Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESS:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.



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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, June 8, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges and Pat Martin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Michel Dorais, Associate Deputy Minister; Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Martha Nixon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Daniel Therrien, Senior Legal Counsel.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, June 6, 2000, being read as follows:

ORDERED, - That Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

In accordance with Standing Order 75(1), Clause 1 was postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

The Minister made a statement and, with Joan Atkinson, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2000.

Santosh Sirpaul

Clerk of the Committee

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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Joe Fontana, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Daniel Therrien, Senior Legal Counsel.



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Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joe Fontana, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Joe Fontana, Sophia Leung, Rick Limoges, Steve Mahoney, Pat Martin and John McKay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Joan Atkinson, Acting Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Daniel Therrien, Senior Legal Counsel; Elizabeth Tromp, Director General, Enforcement Branch; Dougall Aucoin, Director, Economic Policy.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 6, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, June 8, 2000, Meeting No. 30*).

The Committee proceeded to plan its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence hearings on Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger, in the Fall 2000.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to issue a Press Release designating Fall 2000 as the date when public hearings will commence on Bill C-31;

- That organizations and individuals who are interested in appearing before the Committee or submitting a brief, are advised to contact the Clerk of the Committee of their desire to appear no later than July 31, 2000. Written submissions are to be sent to the Clerk of the Committee no later than the middle of August 2000; and

- That the Committee reserves the right to select witnesses who will be invited to appear before the Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Committee advertise on CPAC informing Canadians that requests to appear on Bill C-31, should be made to the Clerk no later than July 31, 2000, or they may submit a written submission no later than the middle of August 2000.

It was agreed, - That Members submit a List of potential witnesses to the Clerk of the Committee as soon as possible.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized in consultation with the Researcher and Clerk of the

Committee to Group different organizations so that a number of witnesses could be heard.

It was agreed, - That in addition to its regular hours of sittings on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Committee schedule other meetings.

It was agreed, - That pursuant to its Order of Reference of June 6, 2000 relating to Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger, the Committee be composed of Ten (10) Members of the Committee, Two (2) Canadian Alliance members, One (1) Bloc member, One (1) N.D.P. member, One (1) P.C. member and Five (5) Liberals, and that they be authorized to hold public hearings during the month of October 2000 in Eight Cities, namely, Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Montreal and Halifax, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, - that the Committee include Fort Erie and Windsor to the list of cities for public hearings.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget in the amount of \$238,445.66 in order to hold public hearings in Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Montreal and Halifax, and that additional funds be allocated to cover expenses for Fort Erie and Windsor with respect to Bill C-31, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to report to the House the Committee's decision to travel.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Joan Atkinson gave a technical briefing on Bill C-31 and, with Daniel Therrien, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, September 28, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research Department;

Philip Palmer, General Counsel and Director General, Legislative Implementation Project Office;

Peter Showler, Chairperson.

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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, September 28, 2000

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Jean Augustine, Leon Benoit, Bernard Bigras, John Bryden, Joe Fontana, Rick Limoges, Angela Vautour, Tom Wappel.

Acting Members present: Stan Keyes for Reg Alcock, Mark Assad for Raymond Lavigne, Peter Adams for Steve Mahoney, Marlene Catterall for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Immigration and Refugee Board: Peter Showler, Chairperson; Philip Palmer, General Counsel and Director General, Legislative Implementation Project Office; Glen Bailey, Director General, Policy, Planning and Research.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Stan Keyes, Joe Fontana was elected as Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Stan Keyes, Steve Mahoney was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee *in absentia*.

On motion of Leon Benoit, Inky Mark was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee *in absentia*.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 6, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, June 8, 2000, Meeting No. 30*).

Peter Showler made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

